

Earth Observations Working Group Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction

25 May 2006, 9:00 am ET, NASA Headquarters, Room 7K32

In attendance:

Steve Ambrose NASA, Tim Battista NOAA, Susan Conard USFS, Becky Chacko (NOAA)*, Will Hottel (GRS Solutions), Brenda Jones (USGS)*

*by telephone

Meeting Notes:

I. Continued discussion on the International Charter

The International Charter, at <http://disasterscharter.org>, is in need of government project members. Brenda Jones, USGS representative to the Charter, explained what plans were underway to obtain project members from each disaster area. Examples used were joint field offices, laboratories, and other government centers. Training and protocols would be provided. In order to get a new pool of candidates to participate, regional representatives or HQ level representatives would be tapped. A presentation is planned for an upcoming SDR or a special EOWG session. Steve Ambrose will provide a copy of FEMA's "Disaster Assistance" publication as a start towards making a list of contacts.

II. Disaster Response Remote Sensing Working Group Recommendations for Imagery Standards

USGS is coordinating a document to establish a standard for products used in response to disasters. This document is not encompassing for all data, but specific to the needs of the response community. May 26th, was the deadline for review of the draft, but they will take input at any time.

III. GEO, GEOSS and other activities

The SDR continues to participate in GEO meetings and continues to follow the near and long term opportunities presented therein.

IV. Discussion on Earth Observations Working Group responsibilities

It was decided that the old Remote Sensing Working Group Charter will be updated for the EOWG.

V. Membership of EOWG

Membership in the EOWG will likely expand as further projects and presentations are developed.

VI. Other Items

Interest in LDCM was mentioned. Brenda Jones suggested we contact Tom Loveland of USGS for background on LDCM progress.

Next Meeting..... June 22- 9:00AM