Tools for Emergency Response from the Water Resources Management Division

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Underlying Philosophy

Timely access to and presentation of accurate information in its proper context and in a visual format is critical for effective Emergency Response

Geomatics is the science and technology of gathering, analyzing, interpreting, distributing and using geographic information.



Presentation Overview

- Focus 1 Timely Access
- Focus 2 Accurate Information
- Focus 3 Proper Context And In A Visual Format



Focus 1

Timely Access

"Knowing what's happening in real time"

Early warning is critical for effective Emergency Response



Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring for Water Supplies









Real-Time Data Reporting





Instrumentation

Numerous parameters available: Ammonia Temperature Nitrate pН **Turbidity** Redox Salinity Depth Chloride Ambient Light **Barometric** Pressure



Chlorophyll Specific Conductance Dissolved Oxygen Total Dissolved Gas



Real-Time Data Reporting



NF02ZE0033 -Southwest Brook below Southwest Pond

(Miawapukek First Nation Pilot Project)

Newfoundland

Labrador

http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/wrmd/ADRS/v6/Template_Station.asp?station=NF02ZE0033

SCADA

Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA)

SCADA systems are used to monitor or to control chemical or transport processes, in municipal water supply systems.



Remote Sensing For Flood Forecasting and Response





Focus 2

Accurate Information

"Knowing what is out there and its exact location"

Accurate information is critical for effective Emergency Response





- Drinking Water Supply Watersheds
- Drinking Water Supply Systems
- Flood Risk Mapping
- Dam Safety



Drinking Water Supply Watershed Maps

The Department has digital boundaries for all public water supplies:

- Protected
- Unprotected
 Potential
- **ILUC**





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Public Water Supplies



Boundaries are available in several formats including Google Earth

Point Leamington - Little Pond



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http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/Env/env/waterres/GIS/Google/PublicWaterSupplies.kmz

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Remote Sensing For Land Cover Analysis

Remote sensing allows the collection of large amounts of data over a wide area.

Land cover classification based on Landsat satellite imagery in 2000 with a spatial resolution of approximately 30 metres.











Steady Brook Protected Water Supply Area - Slope



Drinking Water Supply Systems





Flood Risk Mapping

- The province, in cooperation with the federal government, undertook engineering studies and mapping of flood risk areas.
- Maps completed for 38 communities
- Delineated the flood risk zones for floods with a return period of
 - 20 years (5% chance in any year)
 - 100 years (1% chance in any year)
- Project underway to digitize these zones completion March 31, 2007



Flood Risk Maps

Stephenville
Orange 1:20
Yellow 1:100
Pink Lines – cross sections





http://gis.env.gov.nl.ca - Water Resources Map Viewer - Microsoft Internet Ex



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Flood Risk Mapping

Badger	Petty Harbour
Bishops Falls	Placentia
Brigus	Portugal Cove / St. Philips
Carbonear	Rushoon
Codroy Valley	Rushy Pond
Cox's Cove	Salmon Cove
Deer Lake	Shoal Harbour / Hodges Cove
Ferryland	Steady Brook
Gaudon's Brook / Cold Brook	Stephenville
Glenwood / Appleton	Stephenville Crossing/ Black Duck Siding
Glovertown	Trout River
Hant's Harbour	Victoria
Heart's Delight	Waterford River
Hickman's Harbour	Whitbourne
Outer Cove	Winterton
Parson's Pond	



Flood Area Watershed Maps **Stephenville Flood** Sept 27, 2005

Did wood harvesting contribute to flooding?

Have conditions \mathbf{O} worsened?

Map 3 **Cutting Activity - Blanche Brook Watershed**





Dam Safety

Industrial Dams Municipal Dams







Dams Safety





Other Geomatic Information

- Sewage Outfalls
- Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Sites
- Ambient Water Quality Watersheds
- Hydrometric Monitoring Sites
- Climate Network
- Ambient Water Quality Contours









Proper Context And In A Visual Format

"Linking all that we know"

Ability to access information in its proper context and in a visual format is critical for effective Emergency Response



Geographic Information System (GIS)

- A computer system capable of integrating, storing, editing, analyzing, sharing, and displaying geographically-referenced information
- GIS is a tool that allows users to create interactive queries (user created searches), analyze the spatial information, edit data, maps, and present the results of all these operations.









Why use GIS?

- Real Time/Dynamic Public Reporting
- Future of information sharing
- Environmental data is essentially spatial in nature
- The spatial attribute allows widely varying datasets to be easily related
- ♦ For example:
 - Areal/spatial analysis shows the variation of a variable in a region
 - See what is within a buffer zone around features such as an intake



The DWQ GIS Application

- Developed in approximately a year and a half
 - Uses the ESRI ArcGIS software suite.
 - Requires only the Internet Explorer browser (6.0 and above) on the end users machine
 - Requires high speed internet connection
- Accessible anywhere on the internal government network including the regional offices
- Will be made available to the public at a later stage of the project
- Application "went live" in May 2004
- Winner of ESRI Canada 2005 Award of Excellence



The Application

Application address:

 <u>http://gis.env.gov.nl.ca/wrmd/</u>
 Username: government
 Password: supplies

 Live demonstration of application ??



















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