

Regional Interagency Steering GIS Sub-Committee for FEMA's Region II Caribbean Area Division

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Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) consists of an interagency group where GIS users from State, Federal and Educational Institutions can meet and share data through FEMA's GeoPortal. In the portal you will be able to view, upload and download GIS data shared by participants. This effort stems from past experiences where GIS data needed: was not up to date, was difficult to find or the latest version for a given dataset was unknown. The intention is that participants can create maps or upload data that can be shared with others. We are trying to have at least 2 contacts per agency or institution. Also ensure they are direct handlers of GIS databases/tools, which would facilitate dialogue among participants. In the case of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, they are part of FEMA's Region II, which includes: New York, New Jersey also. This effort is being carried out at the Caribbean Area Division as New York and New Jersey already have established their RISC GIS Sub-Committee. Participants take part in conference calls, webinars and online trainings.