Implementing a National Preparedness and Response Mapping Application

Freshwater Spills Symposium 2004 New Orleans, Louisiana



# GLC

- Binational agency representing states/provinces
- Formed 1955 under state/federal law
- Promotes informed use, management and protection of the water and related natural resources
- Issues: Resource Management, Environmental Protection, Transportation and Sustainable Economic Development
- Functions: Information Sharing, Policy R&D, and Advocacy
- "Information and research broker" focusing on hydrologic, not geo-political boundaries



## Altruism

**Great Lakes Spill Protection Initiative** 

Inland Sensitivity Atlas



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Freshwater Spills Information Clearinghouse





#### **Inland Sensitivity Atlas**

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Standardized symbology and definitions.



#### **Inland Sensitivity Atlas**

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Detailed data sets tied to each mapped feature.



#### **Inland Sensitivity Atlas**

Maps are just the plain and simple way to present complex data sets in space and

time.



### Need

What do we need to answer at a response?

- Location of the incident
- Potential human/environmental receptors
- Our ability to execute an effective response





Mapping Application for Planning, Preparedness and Emergency Response





- Minimum essential data elements
- Universal data accuracy
- Standardized format
- Common national data structure
- FGDC-compliant





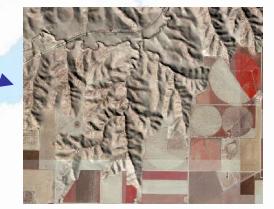
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Aerial Photography -

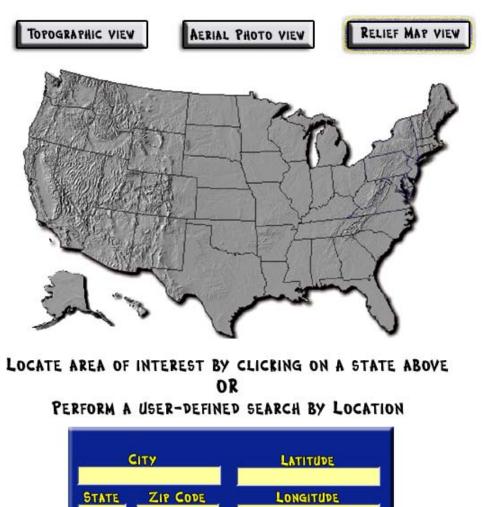


Raised Relief Maps





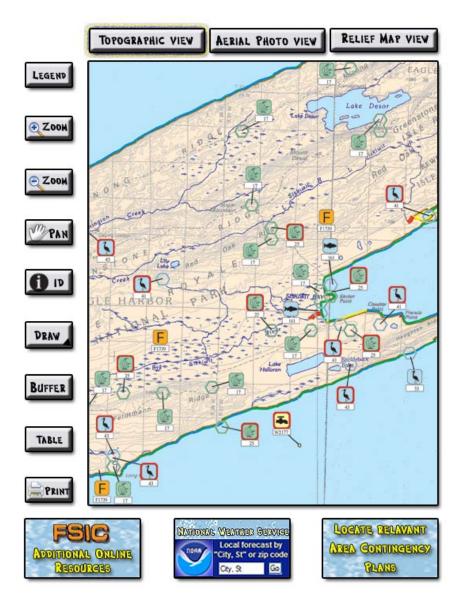




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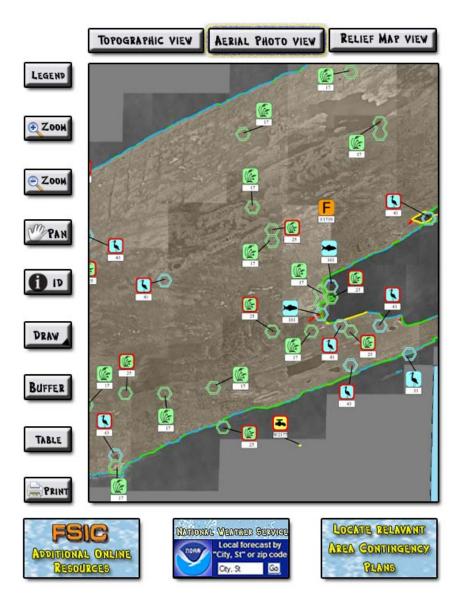


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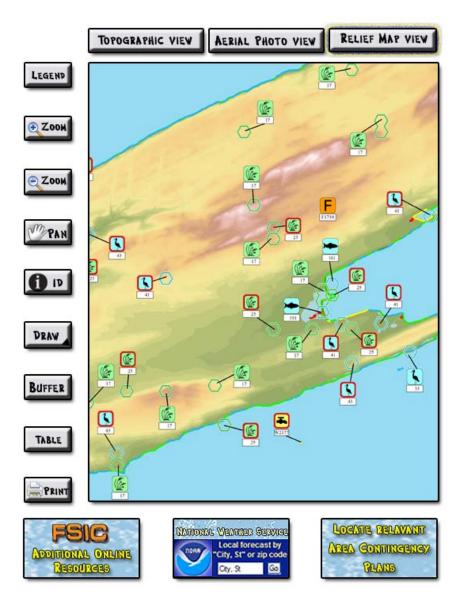


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- Geographic perspective in planning and response
- Unified data presentation
- National data commonality
- "One-stop shopping"
- Remote data accessibility
- Design for non-GIS response audience





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