Standard DFIRM Spatial Database Readme File

How to Use the Data with ARCEXPLORER

1. [Download](#) the data from the FEMA web site and save it to a temporary directory on your hard drive (e.g. c:\temp\MM_DFGI.zip or d:\temp\MM_DFGI.zip).

2. ArcExplorer is free mapping software that can be downloaded from the Internet at http://www.esri.com/software/arcexplorer/. Follow the instructions from the ESRI web site to download and install the ArcExplorer software.

3. Start ArcExplorer by either double clicking the shortcut icon on your desktop or by finding it on the "Start" menu under "Programs". This should start ArcExplorer and display a "Welcome to ArcExplorer" screen with a "tip of the day." Click "OK" to begin using ArcExplorer.

4. Use Windows Explorer to navigate to the subdirectory where you placed your downloaded file (e.g. c:\temp). Drag the downloaded file (MM_DFGI.zip) from Windows Explorer over to the white map pane in ArcExplorer and drop the file there.

5. ArcExplorer will bring up the "Select folder to extract to..." window. Click on the **Create Folder** button and make a new directory on your hard disk to store the prototype (e.g. C:\FEMAPROT). Then click on the **Open** button to extract the data from the zip file into the new directory you created.

6. The map themes should display under the "Local" tab and in the map window. You can use the tools on the toolbar to pan, zoom, identify map features, and query the data. See the user documentation that comes with ArcExplorer for more information.