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XP-SWMM Gains National Approval
FEMA accepts XP-SWMM for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Portland, OR – April 15, 2003 – XP Software today announces the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has accepted its XP-SWMM hydrodynamic modeling software for use in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As a reflection of the program's universal functions, XP-SWMM acceptance under multiple categories signifies results are now accepted for steady state, unsteady state, hydraulic or hydrological applications. The announcement was made in Portland, Oregon by Geoff Thompson, XP Software President.

The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) manages the NFIP and oversees FEMA's flood hazard programs. The agency's cornerstone philosophy emphasizes mitigation as the key to emergency management and has established a network of programs, partners and activities aligned towards minimizing the impact of floods on lives and communities. Engineers and surveyors are able to improve safety by using products like XP-SWMM to identify and measure risk through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis. Those results are then translated into Flood Hazard Maps which are later used by floodplain managers or community officials in regional mitigation programs.

Originally developed for water resource engineers in 1986, XP-SWMM has traditionally been used to model or analyze watersheds and collection systems in rural or urban settings. While water resource engineers still comprise the core clientele, new niches have emerged over the years and now include other disciplines such as architecture and construction. NFIP acceptance will add additional value for existing clients and further extend the company's market reach into the insurance, floodplain management and government sectors.

"Client requests fueled the initiative for FEMA approval, but there will also be many new users who will benefit from NFIP acceptance", explained Jan Thompson, VP of Sales and Marketing. "We expect 25% of existing users to start using XP-SWMM for FEMA related projects or insurance studies, and are pleased to make this announcement at a time when maximizing capital investments is important to prudent organizations."

To further extend XP Software's commitment to floodplain management, the company will host information booths at the Association of Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) conference in St. Louis, MO on May 12—14 and the Environmental and Water Resource (EWRI) conference in Philadelphia, PA on June 23—26.

About XP-SWMM

XP-SWMM is a Decision Support System (DSS) that accurately represents real-life scenarios and is used by floodplain professionals to identify flood hazards, derive balanced mitigation alternatives, devise disaster recovery plans, and automate their work. A proprietary self-modifying Dynamic Wave solution algorithm works behind the scenes to produce accurate representations of hydrodynamics in both urban and rural environments. This economical tool provides a user-friendly solution to compile, store, manage, analyze and display data.

About XP Software

XP Software is one of the most established water engineering software organizations in the world. Since 1974 it has maintained a tradition of excellence in water management solutions, and is quickly becoming ubiquitous as the most powerful hydro-environmental DSS at a moderate price-point.

Currently more than 3,000 Consulting Engineering Firms, City & Regional Authorities, Federal Government Agencies & Universities use XP Software's easy to use water engineering products for everyday real world situations & applications.

XP Software's comprehensive product range is specifically designed for hydrology modeling, runoff routing, dynamic and steady state hydraulics as well as many other engineering related applications. More information about XP Software is available at: <http://www.xpssoftware.com>.

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