

## EVENT SUMMARIES

### 4.1 General

For a storm event that involves more than one agency, OFCM will compile an event summary when the majority of data collection is complete and submitted. OFCM will consolidate all participant event information related to the event. Individual agencies should complete event summaries as directed by internal guidance and then forward them to OFCM to be compiled into the overall event summary. The summaries will include a concise description of the event, interpretive information, and supporting data, as well as pointers to where the actual event data resides. Examples of event summaries prepared by individual agencies that include actual data include the NWS Service Assessment of the La Plata, Maryland, Tornado Outbreak of April 28, 2002; FEMA MAT and Building Performance Assessment Team reports; data gathered by the USACE; and reports of water levels associated with hurricanes and tropical storms from NOS/CO-OPS.

The interpretive information and supporting data in an event summary will be directed at satisfying the requirements and needs of secondary users. These users include those whose requirements are met by processed data and/or composite images. Users requiring access to unprocessed data (i.e., disk data files) will be directed to the acquiring agency. Many or most of the single agency summaries can be found by accessing the agency's URL listed in Appendix C. The final consolidated event summaries can be found at: <http://www.ofcm.noaa.gov/wg-diap/eventsum.htm>.

### 4.2 Content Outline

The WG/DIAP recommends that the following sections be included in an event summary report:

- a. Executive summary
- b. Event description and its impact
- c. Event analysis
- d. Description of agency responses
- e. Description of data acquired, availability, and deposition status
- f. Supporting documentation (e.g., eyewitness accounts)
- g. Conclusions, findings, and/or recommendations, if appropriate

### 4.3 Examples of Past Disaster Impact Assessments

Appendix K includes examples of past disaster impact assessments for Hurricanes Hugo, Andrew, and Katrina and for Midwest Flooding.

