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CDS Landslide/Liquefaction Report

Did you know that the average statewide losses from landslides in California are **\$100 million** a year? On December 30, 2004 the USGS issued a landslide advisory for ALL landslide-vulnerable areas in Southern California. As we can now see, the threat is real!

Our report is based upon landslide information from the State of CA. These maps are highly detailed, and cover the LA and San Francisco areas. This is a good way to avoid future landslide losses!

Although we can't prevent landslides, the RiskMeter's Landslide/Liquefaction report can quickly and accurately determine how many of your policies fall into a high risk landslide, liquefaction or landslide/liquefaction areas. For more information on this report or to get a FREE one-month trial, contact Bradley Sherwin at 617.737.4444 or bsherwin@cdsys.com

To read an article on the current landslide conditions, go to:

<http://www.sbsun.com/Stories/0,1413,208~12588~2637024,00.html#>

VA Distance to Fire Station & Responding Fire District Now Available!

CDS has just added VA to its Distance to Fire Station report. Currently, you can get reports for CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, LA, MA, MD, MS, OR and RI. We will continue to add more states until we meet our goal of providing nationwide coverage. We want your feedback to see which states we should add next! If there is a state you would like to see us add, please contact Jamie Munson at 860.854.6125 or jmunson@cdsys.com. In addition, we have also added VA to our responding fire district boundaries, which already consists of CA, FL, KS, MS and ND.

NY Added to Slope/Aspect/Elevation Report

CDS has just added NY to its slope/aspect/elevation report, which already consists of CA, CT, FL, MA, NJ, NV, OR, RI and WA. In addition to returning the slope, aspect and elevation for the location, you will now get the minimum, maximum and average slope and elevation within a radius of 250'. This will alert you if the location is very close to a steep area. This report is available now for 10 states and we will be adding more states in the future. If there is a state you would like to add, contact your account executive. We will use your feedback to prioritize the order in which new states are added. If you are interested in trying this report or if you have any questions, please contact your account executive at 617.737.4444.

New Offerings - Manual Flood Determinations & Guarantees (Certifications)

In our ongoing effort to make the RiskMeter the only geographic risk determination tool you'll need, we plan to enhance our flood capabilities very soon. CDS is preparing to offer both manual flood determinations and guaranteed determinations. If you don't get a good geocode, you will be able to enter some more information, and you can get a manual determination done. This means that someone will actually do research so that you get the right answer every time. While the answer may not be instantaneous, it means you will always get an answer, and will not need to use any other source. Guaranteed determinations mean that we will ensure that the determination is correct.

If you are interested in learning more, or have ideas on how to improve our flood services, please contact CDS or your RiskMeter account representative at 617.737.4444

Last Chance to Win a \$150 Amex Gift Card! – Take our Survey

In order to improve the RiskMeter Online, we would appreciate it if you took part in our short survey. The answers that you give will help us determine what improvements need to be made to the RiskMeter Online. In addition, if you complete a survey you will have the chance to win \$150 Amex gift card! To complete a RiskMeter Online survey, please go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=26499776781>

Crime Scores Online Training – Limited Seats Available!

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

1-2pm EDT

<http://cdsys.webex.com>

We've received many inquiries about the CDS Crime report. In order to help people to gain a better understanding on how to interpret and use this report, we're dedicating a one-hour training session on this topic. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to learn about the content, methodology and results of this report. To register, go to: <http://cdsys.webex.com>

Online Training!

In order to help you utilize the RiskMeter Online more effectively, we are now offering FREE Online training. This is a great way for your organization to have its most pressing questions answered, learn about reading various risk reports and how to utilize cutting-edge features, such as: **Birdseye Geocoding**, **One-Click Ruler** and **Manual Placement**. To register for an upcoming Webcast, click on one of the links below or for more information, contact Maria Francis at 617.737.4444 or mfrancis@cdsys.com

National

Thursday, January 20, 2005

1-2pm (EDT)

<https://cdsys.webex.com>

National

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

1-2pm (EDT)

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National

RiskMeter Online & Castle Replacement Cost Services Online Seminar

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

1-2pm (EDT)

<https://cdsys.webex.com>

Western Risks

Thursday, February 10, 2005

1-2pm (EDT)

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Would you like the opportunity to evaluate any one of our risk reports without obligation? You can now! For a limited time you will be able to test-drive any RiskMeter Online report for FREE! Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to see how a particular risk report can benefit your organization. To add a FREE, one-month risk report to your account, please call 617.737.4444.

Articles of Interest

Below you will find a few pertinent articles related to weather risk and insurance that may be of interest...

(Disaster News Network) – Major flooding was occurring by Friday morning at Prospect, Ohio (on the Scioto River) and more major flooding was expected in Marietta, along with additional areas in Mercer and Auglaize counties, according to the now-activated Ohio Emergency Operations Center (EOC). <http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2534>

(National Underwriter) – Florida Governor Jeb Bush has signed into law legislation creating a program to reimburse policyholders who paid multiple deductibles on their homeowners insurance claims in the wake of last summer's string of four hurricanes. <http://www.nationalunderwriter.com/pandc/nuonline/010305/P1hurricanes.asp>

(Disaster News Network) – After the recent series of devastating tsunamis in the Indian Ocean, many Americans are wondering just how safe the United States is. <http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2525>

(Insurance Journal) - With the economy continuing to strengthen, the number of insurance companies that failed in 2004 declined 48 percent to 13 compared to 25 insurer insolvencies in 2003, according to Weiss Ratings Inc., an independent provider of ratings and analyses of financial services companies, mutual funds, and stocks. <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2005/01/10/49480.htm>

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