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CDS RELEASES UPDATED VERSION OF HAIL MODEL

Boston, MA, September 19, 2003 - CDS Business Mapping, a leader in online hazard mapping for the insurance industry, announces the release of version 2 of the **CDS Hail Model**. The model predicts the severity of hail for any location in the Continental United States. Key additions to the model include a new Hail Score, as well as the average number of storms per year. The model is based upon 45 years of historical hail data. The model is used by insurers to evaluate and price property insurance.

CDS has also released a report on its findings from the model, entitled "*CDS Hail Model, Discussion of Findings.*" Among the findings: The 5 metro areas with the most hail activity over the past 45 years are:

1. Oklahoma City, OK
2. Kansas City, KS/MO
3. Denver, CO
4. Tulsa, OK
5. Amarillo, TX

This free report is full of statistics and charts on the patterns of hail throughout the US. **Contact CDS Business Mapping for your free copy.** Scores for individual locations can be obtained through the RiskMeter Online (www.riskmeter.com), CDS's online service for property reports.

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About RiskMeter.com

The RiskMeter is used by underwriting professionals to automate property reports. The RiskMeter utilizes Internet mapping technology to enable underwriters to determine the proximity to natural hazards for any property in the United States. The RiskMeter is far more accurate and faster than any other method of property lookups, and can save underwriters considerable time and money.

About CDS Business Mapping

CDS Business Mapping, LLC., was founded in 1994 as a desktop mapping sales and consulting company. The company offers a full line of mapping software, data and applications for insurers. CDS is dedicated to the creation and implementation of mapping solutions for the insurance industry.

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