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Geologic hazards in Oregon now easy to find with online tool, debuting this week

Open house this Thursday will allow the public to try Oregon HazVu

Portland, Oregon: The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is releasing Oregon HazVu, a statewide geologic hazards viewer at

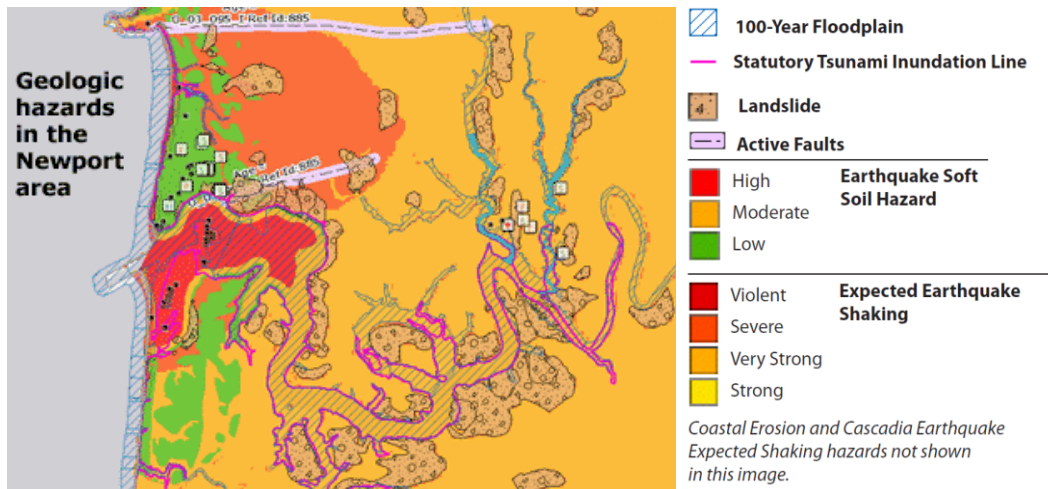
www.OregonGeology.org/sub/hazvu.

This new tool allows the public to enter an address and see which geohazards could affect them, ranging from a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami to volcanoes, landslides, coastal erosion, and the 100-year floodplain. Oregon HazVu can also show areas with active faults, earthquake soft soil hazards, and expected shaking.

The public is invited to test drive the new Web tool by visiting the offices of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries this **Thursday, October 18**, anytime from **11:30am to 2:30pm**, at **800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 965, Portland**. Staff will be on hand to answer questions, and participants who complete a brief survey will be offered a free map of "[Oregon: A Geologic History](#)" or a 2013 "[Lidar Illuminated](#)" calendar.

This event is part of The Great Oregon Shakeout, a statewide "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill encouraging people to protect themselves during an earthquake at work, school, and home. The drill has over 110,000 participants registered at www.Shakeout.org/Oregon.

We hope that the public, planners, emergency managers and first responders, elected officials, and other local decision makers will use Oregon HazVu to mitigate risk and to reduce the loss of life and property.



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The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State and has a broad responsibility in developing an understanding of the state's geologic resources and natural hazards. The Department then makes this information available to communities and individuals to help inform and reduce the risks from natural hazards, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. The Department assists in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards is key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

Learn more about Oregon's geology online: <http://www.OregonGeology.org>

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