

**EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS FOR MISSOURI – New Madrid
February 16, 2008, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Missouri’s New Madrid fault zone is one of the most active in the world, with about 200 shocks detected every year. During the winter of 1811-1812, at least three of the strongest earthquakes in U.S. history occurred in this area. Missouri citizens need to be aware of the potential risks associated with earthquakes. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission are hosting a one-day course about earthquakes during Earthquake Awareness Month 2008 in southeast Missouri.

The first half of the course will be in a classroom setting with presentations from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) on the state’s earthquake hazard, SEMA on state-level preparedness efforts regarding earthquakes, the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) on its new Disaster Medicine 101 course and other training courses, and Southeast Missouri State University on the societal impacts of earthquakes.

In addition, participants will tour sites in the New Madrid area related to the historical earthquakes that occurred in 1811-12. The tour will be led by Dave Hoffman from the MO University of Science & Technology in Rolla. **This course may require walking over somewhat rough terrain!**

There is no charge to attend this course. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for you on-site. Lodging and other costs is the responsibility of those attending. Please fill out the application blank below and mail to Steve Besemer, State Emergency Management Agency, P. O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO., 65102 by **February 4, 2008**.

For more information, contact SEMA Earthquake Program Manager Steve Besemer at (573) 526-9232.

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Please register by February 4, 2008