

FRISKSP Discontinued

Dear FRISKSP Customers:

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Through numerous personal conversations, many of you have been aware of my plans and efforts to update FRISKSP during the past several years, in an effort to keep it current with changes in probabilistic seismic hazard analysis methodologies. However, the sheer magnitude of those changes to the practice, which have included things such as the five new NGA attenuation relations, the introduction of a complex 2008 USGS fault model, directivity, etc., have made that task quite significant and time consuming. Also, because of the magnitude of the effort that would be needed, it became apparent that the cost for FRISKSP would have had to increase significantly over the previous costs.

While I was in the process of implementing those updates, Risk Engineering, Inc., was acquired in 2008 by William Lettis & Associates, which is an operating company of Fugro. You might also be aware that I have been an employee of Fugro-West for over 23 years and because I do not want to be in what might be perceived as a conflict-of-interest position regarding the FRISKSP computer program, I made the decision to no longer sell or update FRISKSP and I am discontinuing support for FRISKSP. This change only affects the FRISKSP program; I still plan to update and support my other computer programs, EQFAULT, EQSEARCH, UBCSEIS, and LIQUEFY2.

At Fugro, I have worked with Risk Engineering, Inc.'s, probabilistic seismic hazard software EZ-FRISK, and I have found it to be comprehensive and user friendly. I recommend that you transition to the EZ-FRISK software for own probabilistic seismic hazard calculations. It was originally developed and marketed by REI in 1994, and has been continuously upgraded since then with new ground motion equations, updated seismic source databases, and new features such as fault directivity. It currently includes the USGS 2008 fault and background source database for the continental US, and includes all 5 NGA ground motion equations. FRISKSP currently does not have these databases and features, and, of course, will not be updated.

In order to facilitate the transition of current FRISKSP users to EZ-FRISK, WLA/REI has generously agreed to make the following offers available to current FRISKSP users:

- Free use of the EZ-FRISK seismic hazard module on a trial basis for 14 days.
- A one-time 50% discount on 1-year and shorter-term license fees for the EZ-FRISK seismic hazard module.

Please contact WLA/REI for details and limitations regarding those offers, if you wish to take advantage of one or both of them. The features of EZ-FRISK are described on Risk Engineering's website and you may register and download the program at that website (please use this link to get there: <http://www.thomasfblake.com/linkto.asp>). If you decide to lease EZ-FRISK, please let them know that you were referred to them by my web site (the above hyperlink notifies us as well).