

# First Ever Regional Risk Management Meeting

The first ever Regional Flood Risk Management Team (RFRMT) meeting was held in early April in Cedar Rapids. The group, which addresses regional flood response and recovery issues met to discuss the risk of spring flooding, following a winter of record snow amounts. The idea, according to Iowa Emergency Management Director David Miller is to “work better together, produce better results, and form a stronger partnership.”

The effort officially started after the 2008 flood when federal and Iowa agencies came together to discuss better management of flood waters and reduction of future risks.

The RFRMT meeting included representatives from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Other members include representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Resource Conservation Service, National Weather Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey.