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Western States Seismic Policy Council Recognizes Lucile Jones with 2016 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Earthquake Risk Reduction

Sacramento – The Western States Seismic Policy Council’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce they have chosen Dr. Lucile Jones as the recipient of the 2016 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Earthquake Risk Reduction.

Dr. Lucile Jones is recognized nationally and internationally as an authority on natural hazards and disaster risk reduction. Since joining the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in 1983, Dr. Jones has made outstanding research contributions and provided significant scientific leadership. Her research into earthquake occurrence probability and the short-term probability of foreshock and aftershock sequences is now the source of earthquake advisories issued by the State of California.

She created and implemented a new systematic approach to risk assessment research through scenario development. She built strong interdisciplinary partnerships, integrating their expertise into state-of-the-art investigations to develop comprehensive depictions of the probable consequences of catastrophic natural disasters that are being used at all levels of government and the private sector to reduce risk.

Most recently Dr. Jones served as the Science Advisor for Seismic Safety to Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City of Los Angeles. Her consensus approach involved assembling task forces to develop solutions informed by the best available science and engineering and convening stakeholders in the State’s utilities to address vulnerabilities. Results included a comprehensive program to strengthen the water infrastructure in the City.

Upon the announcement of the award, Lucy Jones said, “I began my career in seismology not able to imagine it would include a public dimension. I’m humbled by this honor and grateful I could make a difference.”

A summary of Dr. Jones accomplishments is located on the WSSPC website at:
<http://www.wsspc.org/awards/current-awards/2016-national-awards-recipient/>

The WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding leaders in earthquake risk reduction who are actively practicing their profession. The recipient will have demonstrated throughout his or her career an extraordinary commitment, level of service, and contribution to the application of earthquake risk reduction to public policy. This year’s awards will be presented at the 2016 National Earthquake Conference Awards Luncheon May 5, 2016 at the Hilton Long Beach in Long Beach, California.

The mission of the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) is to develop seismic policies and disseminate information about programs intended to reduce earthquake-related losses.

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