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ABSTRACT

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PALABRAS CLAVE	Seismic risk, building damage, insurance mechanisms, cost-benefit analysis, contingent liabilities
COMPONENTES DE LA EVALUACIÓN	
AMENAZA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tipo de amenaza: sismo 2. Métricas de intensidad: Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) 3. Escala/resolución: Local 4. Resultados: Tasas de excedencia en roca para diferentes períodos estructurales 5. Localización: Bogotá, Manizales, Colombia 6. Metodología: Esteva (1970), Ordaz (2000). 7. Períodos de retorno (años): -
VULNERABILIDAD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tipo de vulnerabilidad: Física, humana 2. Metodología: Analítica. Miranda (1999), Ordaz (2000) 3. Tipología estructural: Adobe, bahareque, mampostería, bodegas, madera, iglesia 4. Representación: Función de vulnerabilidad; PGA / Deriva máxima de entrepiso vs. Valor esperado de la pérdida
EXPOSICIÓN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tipo exposición: Edificaciones 2. Portafolios: Residencial, comercial, industrial, institucional, oficial, sin edificar 3. Localización geográfica: Bogotá, Manizales, Colombia 4. Valor de reposición total: - 5. Área expuesta (m²): -
RESULTADOS DE RIESGO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modelo utilizado: Ordaz et al. (1998), Ordaz (2000), Arámbula et al. (2001) 2. Métricas de riesgo: Pérdida Anual Esperada (PAE), Pérdida Máxima Probable (PML) 3. PAE: - 4. PML: - 5. Representación del riesgo: Curva de excedencia de pérdidas