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Building Science Branch Interactive Fact Sheet

The FEMA Building Science Branch (BSB) Interactive Fact Sheet is live and can be accessed from the following link:

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/116651>

Every year, natural disasters and man-made hazard events cause fatalities and injuries, and cost billions of dollars in property damage throughout the United States. The BSB studies these hazards and provides technical services within FEMA, to the rest of the federal government, and to our private sector partners. With a focus on earthquake, wind, flood, and other natural and man-made hazards, BSB takes a lead role in developing state-of-the-art publications, guidance materials, tools, training, technical bulletins, and recovery advisories that incorporate the most up-to-date building codes, flood damage resistant requirements, seismic design guidelines, and wind design requirements for new and existing buildings.

To help create disaster-resilient communities, key BSB activities include deploying Mitigation Assessment Teams to conduct post-disaster engineering investigations for a wide range of hazard events. BSB is also one of four agencies that make up the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). For more information, please visit <http://fema.gov/building-science>.

Senate Confirms Oregon's First Resilience Officer

Governor Kate Brown's appointment of Michael Harryman as State Resilience Officer was confirmed May 25th by the Oregon Senate. As Oregon's first Resilience Officer — a position created by the Legislature in 2015 — Harryman is charged with directing, implementing, and coordinating seismic safety and resilience goal-setting, which includes working with state agencies to improve Oregon's seismic safety and resilience.

"Mr. Harryman has the experience and expertise needed to bring our state agencies together to ensure they are well coordinated as we work toward making Oregon seismically resilient," said Governor Brown.

Prior to his appointment, Harryman served as the Director of Emergency Operations for the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division since 2012. As Director, Harryman played a pivotal role as Oregon's Incident Manager for Oregon's 2014 Ebola preparedness and response efforts and was integral in leading response teams following the Umpqua Community College shooting. Harryman is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Oregon Army National Guard and received his master's degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from the American Military University.

Floodplain Management Training Courses Offered in Washington

FEMA has announced two offerings of the floodplain manager training course “Managing Development through the NFIP” in Washington. This official course offered by FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (L273) is the highly recommended four-day training course for floodplain managers. There is no charge to enroll in the course.

L273 and CFM Exams

Everett, WA

L273 - October 17-20
 ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager® (CFM) exam
 October 21

[\(Download course announcement\)](#)

Walla Walla, WA

L273 - November 14-17
 CFM exam - November 18

[\(Download course announcement\)](#)

Those enrolling in the Floodplain Managers’ course have the option to take the CFM exam. The CFM exam is a separate process from applying to take the Floodplain Managers’ course. Visit www.floods.org to find out more about becoming a CFM.

If you have questions, contact Michelle Geiger, the FEMA Course Coordinator at (425) 487-4691, michelle.Geiger@fema.dhs.gov or David Radabaugh, the NFIP State Coordinator at (425) 649-4260, david.radabaugh@ecy.wa.gov.



Online Training

(All times Pacific)

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

August 16, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS: Developing Outreach Projects (Activity 330)

August 17, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

NFIP Basics

August 25, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

Floodplain Development Permit Review

September 8, 9am
 Online* - 1 CEC

Inspecting Floodplain Development

September 8, 10:30am
 Online* - 1 CEC

Elevation Certificates

September 15, 10am
 Online* - 2 CEC

CRS: Preparing an Impact Adjustment Map

September 27, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS: Flood Warning & Response (Activity 610)

September 28, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing for a Verification Visit

October 18, 10am
 December 20, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS: CRS and Class 4 Prerequisites

October 19, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

Tools for Determining BFE

October 20, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS Webinar Series: Introduction to CRS

November 15, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS: Developing a PPI and an Insurance Coverage Improvement Plan

November 16, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

CRS and Coastal Hazards

December 21, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

*To register for online courses, visit STARR’s training site online at j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.