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News from Region 10

NFIP Flood Insurance Manual Update

October 2018 edition now available

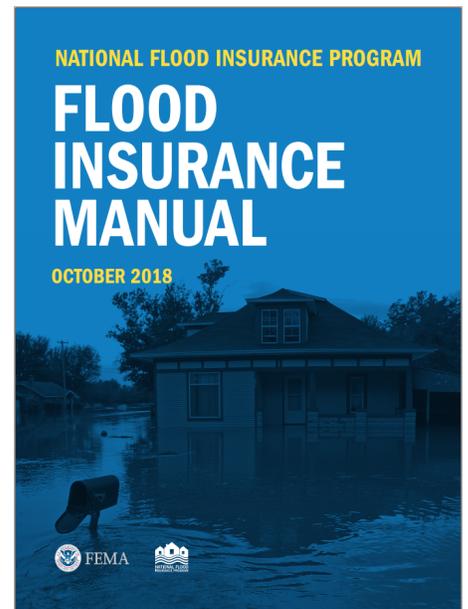
FEMA recently released a new, easy to use Flood Insurance Manual (FIM), which supersedes the previous version. The October 2018 edition of the National Flood Insurance Program FIM has simplified organization and formatting. The goal of this update is to facilitate the understanding of insurance processes and products, enhancing the reliability of service from insurance professionals to their policyholders.

The new organization presents six sections of NFIP guidance and information. The manual provides guidance on how to write, endorse, renew, or cancel policies, as well as discussions of different rating scenarios. Several appendices contain tables, forms, and other specific information referenced in the sections.

There are three program changes announced in the new manual:

- An expanded Newly Mapped rating eligibility.
- New Cancellation Reason Code 26, to allow cancellation of an NFIP policy when a policyholder has obtained duplicate coverage from a non-NFIP policy source.
- Required Notification of Preferred Risk Policy Eligibility for certain cancellation reasons.

This new edition of the FIM does not change flood insurance coverage or supersede the terms and conditions of the Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP).



The FIM is a resource for insurance professionals as they work with FEMA to close the insurance gap, making communities more flood resilient and building a culture of preparedness.

The publication is available online at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/171681>.

Planning process begins for Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) Grants

Executive summaries for FY 2019 are due January 11, 2019

FEMA Region 10 is now beginning the FY19 planning process for the regional Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) grants that support flood hazard mapping, natural hazard risk reduction, and promote community resilience.

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CTP Grants for FY19 (cont.)

The purpose of the CTP Program is to provide, through a Cooperative Agreement, funds to ensure that partners can perform program management and technical mapping-related activities. More information about the National Program is available online at <https://www.fema.gov/cooperating-technical-partners-program>.

The FEMA Region 10 priorities are:

- The ability as a Risk MAP partner to utilize/leverage Risk MAP products that have or will be developed to integrate into a local community's or tribe's everyday risk reduction decision making.
- Identify local priorities and needs that overlap with the goals of Risk MAP, including addressing unmet flood hazard analysis and mapping needs.
- The ability to identify and advance mitigation projects in communities or tribes.
- Supporting the region's ability to collect field survey and/or LiDAR collection cost-effectively for future flood mapping production and mitigation action.

Ask the Help Desk

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

- Projects that help the Region assess its New, Validated, and Updated Engineering (NVUE) floodplain miles and decrease paper inventory.
- Promote multiple-benefit studies (i.e., multi-hazard, climate change, endangered species, etc.) in relation to Risk MAP.

If interested in this opportunity, Region 10 is requesting that executive summaries be submitted by January 11, 2019 for FY19 award in September. For information on the process and required elements needed in the executive summary, please contact: Charlie Kline (Washington/Idaho) at Charles.Kline@fema.dhs.gov or Cynthia McCoy (Oregon/Alaska) at Cynthia.McCoy@fema.dhs.gov.

CTP Grants Webinars

FEMA will also host two webinars to answer questions about developing a competitive CTP application for the 2019 funding year.

- November 19, 10--11:00 AM PDT
- December 5, 10--11:00 AM PDT

Pre-registration is not needed; the webinar will be viewable at the scheduled times by visiting: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/fema_rx_ctp/

Conference Call: 1-302-202-1110
Pin 697620#

University of Oregon Risk MAP Survey

Please respond by November 14th

Recent wildfire seasons in the Western U.S., intensifying tropical storms in the Southeast, and destructive weather patterns increasing around the world have highlighted the importance of risk management strategies to address natural hazards.

The University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research & Engagement (IPRE) is conducting a Risk MAP Program Evaluation project to identify the factors that support and inhibit implementation of natural hazard risk reduction projects.

They have created a short survey to learn about the tools, resources, and strategies that organizations are using to reduce risk to natural hazards, and about local capacity to implement mitigation plans and strategies.

Link to the survey: https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_55cq1hj7k3HcEjb

The survey will be open until November 14th, should take less than 15 minutes to complete, and is anonymous. Responses are key to helping Oregon's Risk MAP program understand where natural hazard risk mitigation strategies can be improved across the state.

After the project's initial baseline data gathering phase, IPRE will select several communities to participate in a more in depth evaluation of risk reduction tools. Using the baseline data and insights from the community evaluation, they will work with local, state, and federal partners to suggest improvements to risk reduction strategies. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Newsletter Ideas?

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures.

Email: RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.

Risk Assessment Story Map Feature: King County, Washington

Through collaboration with King County, Washington, STARR II, and Resilience Action Partners, FEMA Region 10 has developed the King County, WA Risk Assessment Story Map. This tool can be used by staff in King County communities to support Hazard Mitigation Plan updates and other natural hazard mitigation discussions.

In 2017, an assessment of risk to earthquake, erosion, flood, landslide, liquefaction, tsunami, and volcanic hazards was developed for structures in King County, utilizing structure specific assessor data.

The story map showcases the results of the Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) project in King County; offering mitigation strategies and highlighting local, state, and Federal resources. The information communicated in the story map can provide additional data to local staff on hazards within King County and can support efforts to connect and integrate hazard data into pre-existing community planning mechanisms.

Link to view the story map: <https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=1f24a18edbad4cafae2f376a185e689b>

Story Maps are a web-based resource, part of ArcGIS Online. They are designed to be easily built from templates, making them a powerful education & outreach tool. (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/>)

For more information about this story map, please contact the Washington State Risk MAP Coordinator, Jerry Franklin, at jerry.franklin@ecy.wa.gov.

Featured Trainings

Webinar: Introduction to eGrants
November 7, 11am-12:30pm

As part of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant program webinar series, FEMA Region 10 is hosting a webinar for grant applicants on the process to apply through the eGrants system as both grantee and subgrantee. The training is primarily for tribal governments applying for a PDM 2018 grant. The PDM Grant Application Deadline is January 31, 2019 at 3:00pm EST.

To register for the webinar, please visit <http://j.mp/starronlinetraining>.

To view recordings of other webinars in this series, as well as materials related to the Pre Disaster Mitigation grants, FEMA Job Aids, contact information for registration assistance, Program resources, and the FY 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity, visit http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/mitigationplanning/SitePages/PDM_Trainings.aspx.

Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

December 3-6
Oregon City, OR

Hosted by FEMA Region 10 and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, this course is designed for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course will focus on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinances administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

Tuition is free for those accepted; there are no travel or salary stipends available. Application form: [FEMA Form 119-25-1 Application](#).

For more information, contact the course coordinator, Michelle.Schmeling@fema.dhs.gov.

CFM Exam

December 7
Oregon City, OR

Additionally, the ASFPM Certified Floodplain Manager Exam will be offered on Friday after the course.

In order to take the exam at the training workshop, you must submit your completed application along with the appropriate fee to ASFPM by November 22nd. The CFM application form is available online at <http://www.floods.org>.

Exam space may be limited, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, contact the exam proctor, Celinda Adair, CFM, State of Oregon NFIP Coordinator, at celinda.adair@state.or.us.

NORFMA News

CRS Users Group Quarterly Meeting
November 15, 1-3 pm
Tacoma Mall Plaza

The next CRS Users group meeting will be held at the Pierce County

Planning & Public Works offices in Tacoma, WA, and will feature a discussion of lessons learned from two communities who have recently completed their CRS Cycle Verification Visits. Skype is available for those who cannot attend these quarterly meetings in person.

RSVP to Dennis Dixon at ddixon@co.pierce.wa.us.

Save the Date: 2019 Conference

The next NORFMA Annual Conference will be held in Boise, Idaho, the week of September 23rd, 2019. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned to www.norfma.org for details.



Online Training

(All times Pacific)

Elevation Certificates

November 8, 10 am
Online - 2 CECs

Tools for Determining BFE

November 15, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

NFIP Basics

December 6, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

December 18, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

CRS: Flood Insurance Promotion (Activity 370)

December 19, 10 am
Online - 1 CEC

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