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News from Region X

New FEMA Flood Map Service Center

It's official! The redesigned and enhanced MSC is now online.

The Map Service Center is the official source for flood hazard information produced in support of the NFIP. The redesigned MSC website provides free and immediate access for everyone to flood hazard products and tools.

We love the new search features and hope you will, too. You can now view and download all available Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FIS), Letters of Map Change (LOMC), including preliminary, pending and historic documents, when available.

The enhanced address and product search allows users to quickly find flood hazard information for a particular address or point of interest with an easy-to-use map interface. You can even download products directly from the search results page. Multi-file downloads allow users to bundle multiple files into a ZIP file for immediate download or to choose to download at a more convenient time. A new customizable subscription service allows users to receive email notifications when new products are available that match their matching parameters.

Check it out now at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

Ask the Help Desk

The Region X Service Center is here to help with all your Risk MAP needs. Email us at RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

2015 International Codes

Supporting Resiliency, Safety, Innovation, and Affordability in the Built Environment

The International Code Council has announced the release of the 2015 International Codes. In direct alignment with their mission to sustain and improve the Nation's capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards, FEMA proudly supports the International Codes Council as they strive to help communities reduce the impacts of natural disasters by promoting the importance of high building standards, protecting the environment, and saving energy.

2015 I-Code Highlights

- Higher design standards for schools and critical facilities in tornado risk areas.
- For all buildings and structures in flood hazard areas, one foot of freeboard is now the minimum standard.
- V-Zone standards now apply in coastal A Zones.

For information on FEMA's Building Science Branch guidance on creating disaster-resilient communities, visit www.fema.gov/building-science.

Newsletter Ideas?

Let us know what you want to see in future issues! Email suggestions, events, or questions to RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.

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Region X Training Opportunities

“Back to School” isn’t just for kids! There’s a lot of training in Region X this fall:

HEC-RAS Short Course

Hillsboro, OR—August 20-22
Boise, ID—September 10-12

NORFMA is sponsoring two three-day workshops where participants will learn how to use the USACE HEC-RAS software, receive a comprehensive review of hydraulic principles, apply the principles in HEC-RAS steady flow hydraulic models, gain critical hands-on experience through in-class

Online Training

(All times Pacific)

Determining Base Flood Elevation

August 13, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

Elevation Certificates

August 14, 10am
September 18, 10am
Online* – 2 CECs

CRS Webinar Series: Preparing an Annual Recertification

August 19, 10am
September 16, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

CRS Webinar Series: Natural Floodplain Functions

August 20, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

Floodplain Development Permit Review

August 27, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

Inspecting Floodplain Development

August 28, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

NFIP Basics

September 4, 10 am
Online* – 2 CECs

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

workshops, and obtain valuable insights in model development and floodway optimization for FEMA flood insurance studies.

The workshop is targeted toward engineers and scientists in water resources working for local, state and federal agencies and consulting firms, as well as water resources planners.

Visit www.norfma.org for details and registration, or contact Henry Hu, hhu@westconsultants.com.

L273: Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program

Eugene, OR—September 8-11
Lacey, WA—September 29-October 2

This course is designed for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course will focus on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

It is targeted to local officials responsible for administering local floodplain management ordinances, including floodplain managers, building inspectors, and code enforcement officers with less than three years of floodplain management experience.

Contact *Illyssa Plumer*, (425) 487-4500, Ilyssa.Plumer@fema.dhs.gov, or download the announcement at www.starr-team.com.

G318: Preparing and Reviewing Local Mitigation Plans

Bend, OR—September 25-26
Boise, ID—September 29-30

FEMA Region X, State agencies, the University of Oregon, Deschutes County, and the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security are hosting these

two-day workshops, which focus on local mitigation planning and the responsibilities of local governmental entities. This workshop provides plan developers with the information necessary to prepare and implement a local hazard mitigation plan.

Registration contacts:

In Deschutes County—Sgt. Nathan Garibay, (541) 617-3303, nathan.garibay@deschutes.org.

In Oregon—Kelly-Jo Craigmiles, kelly.jo.craigmiles@oem.state.or.us

In Idaho—Natalie Lahti, (208) 422-3417, nlahti@bhs.idaho.gov, or visit www.idahoprepares.com.


Download the announcements at www.starr-team.com.

L278: National Flood Insurance Program/Community Rating System

Tacoma, WA –November 17-20

FEMA Region X and NORFMA are hosting this course, which describes activities eligible for credit under the 2013 CRS Coordinator’s Manual, how a community applies, and how a community modifies an application to improve its classification.

This course is intended for a wide range of participants including NFIP State Coordinators, regional planning officials, local and tribal government officials, those who perform floodplain services for local governments, and others interested in learning about the CRS in order to provide technical assistance to communities seeking to apply for CRS credit.

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