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News from Region X

NORFMA 2015 Annual Conference

Floodplain Management: Decisions Today Last Beyond Tomorrow!

Mark your calendars to attend the NORFMA Annual Conference, September 22-25. Register now and save on the early bird discount. Early bird registration ends August 21. This year's conference is shaping up to be another great conference with a broad range of topics:

- Grant management and implementation from the Federal, State and local perspectives
- Floodplain permitting processes from local perspectives
- FEMA programmatic topics such as BiOP status and Silver Jackets coordination efforts
- Discussions about implementing No Adverse Impact (NAI)
- Successful floodplain-by design projects
- Basic NFIP and floodplain management trainings including Elevation Certificate review
- CFM refresher training
- The CFM exam...and a whole lot more.

The State of Idaho will be offering a full-day introductory floodplain management course on Tuesday before the conference begins.

Remember, the Annual Conference provides CECs for your CFM certification as well as other credentials needing professional development hours. Hurry and register now for the 2015 NORFMA Annual Conference. Visit www.NORFMA.org for more conference news.

See you all in Post Falls!

Training in Idaho

L273 - Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

September 14-18
Hailey, Idaho

FEMA Region X and the State of Idaho are cohosting this course in beautiful Hailey, Idaho. The course is designed for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinances and will focus on the NFIP, concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance. The course is designed for officials with limited floodplain management experience. Class runs Monday through Thursday. The CFM exam will be offered on Friday morning. Email CRice@bhs.idaho.gov for more information.

EMI Training

Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts III: Course E284

August 24-27
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Topics in this course:

- Floodway Standards
- Disconnects between NFIP Regulations and Insurance
- Common Noncompliance Issues
- Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs)
- Substantial Improvement & Substantial Damage

For more information, go to www.training.fema.gov/EMI.

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Upcoming Events & Training

(All times Pacific)

CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification

August 18, 10am
August 19, 10am
September 16, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

STARR: Using Risk MAP Products in Floodplain Management

August 20, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

STARR: Elevation Certificates

September 3, 10am
Online* – 2 CEC

L273 - Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

September 14-18
Hailey, Idaho
CRice@bhs.idaho.gov

Introduction to CRS

September 15, 10am
October 20, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

NORFMA Annual Conference

September 22-25
Post Falls, Idaho
www.norfma.org

CRS: Drainage System Maintenance

October 21, 10am
Online* – 1 CEC

G318: Mitigation Planning for Local Governments

October 27-28
Lynnwood, Washington
Pamela.Anderson@fema.dhs.gov

NORFMA HEC-RAS Workshop

November 18-20
Boise, Idaho
12 CEC
norfma.clubexpress.com

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

Residential Coastal Construction: Course E0386

August 31 – September 3
Emmitsburg, Maryland

The primary audience for this course is engineers and architects. Floodplain Managers and Building Code Officials are also encouraged to attend. Hazard Mitigation, Planning, Zoning, Public Works, and other Building Officials with building science knowledge and also those from the private sector, such as engineering firms may also apply.

For more information, please visit training.fema.gov/emigrams/2014.

Application of Hazus-MH for Disaster Operations

September 28 – October 1
Emmitsburg, Maryland

This course builds valuable skills for effectively using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools, with emphasis on Hazus-MH, to support disaster operations. Participants learn the roles and responsibilities of the disaster management team as well as how GIS can support the activities that they perform. Particular emphasis is placed on strategies for identifying, acquiring and analyzing appropriate GIS compatible data for disaster operations. Numerous hands-on activities provide examples of effective applications of GIS tools, with a focus on Hazus-MH. These activities address areas such as debris management, sheltering and infrastructure damage assessment. Participants also complete a capstone activity that provides an opportunity to use Hazus-MH to support a realistic disaster scenario that is based on a community of interest to the participants.

Mitigation Planning for Local Governments: G318

October 27-28
Lynnwood, Washington

This in-person, 2-day workshop covers the fundamentals of the mitigation planning requirements for communities to develop new or updated Local or Tribal Mitigation Plans that address community priorities and needs and meet requirements established in 44 CFR 201.6. This workshop describes the planning process, the requirements for stakeholder involvement, assessing risks and developing effective mitigation strategies. Finally, the basic elements of the plan review, approval, and update cycle are discussed, including tips for implementing and maintaining an approved plan, tracking performance, keeping stakeholders involved, and preventing plans from lapsing or expiring.

The course is targeted to local and tribal government officials, land use planners, emergency managers, floodplain managers, and others who are involved in the development of a Local or Tribal Mitigation Plan. State and tribal officials involved in mitigation planning may also find this training beneficial.

For more information, contact Pamela.Anderson@fema.dhs.gov

Ask the Help Desk

If you have questions about Risk MAP, mitigation planning, flood study project status, LOMCs, ECs, or CECs, let us help!

Email the Region X Service Center Help Desk, RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

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EPA Local Government Training Module

Available Online



The EPA is offering climate change adaptation assistance to local government officials through an online training module available at www.epa.gov. The training video lasts 30 minutes and focuses on climate vulnerabilities including a variety of environmental and public health services, in addition to providing examples of adaptation efforts currently being implemented by local governments. The goal of the training is to provide local governments with the tools and resources to increase their communities' resiliency to a changing climate.

Earthquake Publication Training

FEMA Region X is offering several courses that have been funded through the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP).

FEMA E-74

Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage

September 10 – Camp Murray, WA

FEMA E-74 and ATC-20

September 25 – Ilwaco, WA

FEMA P-154 and ATC-20

Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards (Third Edition) and Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings

August 12 – Medford, OR
September 9 – Seattle, WA
September 15 – Boise, ID

FEMA P-154, ATC-20 and ROVER

Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards, Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, and Rapid Observation of Vulnerability and Estimation of Risk (ROVER)

August 17-18 – Portland, OR
August 19-20 – Portland, OR

FEMA P-767

Earthquake Mitigation for Hospitals
FEMA P-154 and ATC-20

September 8 – Port Angeles, WA
September 16 – Boise, ID

For a full description of NEHRP training and resources, see the [Catalog of FEMA Earthquake Resources](#). This catalog provides an overview of more than 80 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program publications and resources available to the public.

For more information or to register for one of the sessions listed above, contact Coleen Rice, crice@bhs.idaho.gov.

Suggested Reading

Why Thousands More Treasure Valley Residents May Have To Buy Flood Insurance

The Boise State Public Radio recently published an article about the Federal Emergency Management Agency's revision to the Boise River floodplain maps and their impacts on the affected communities. You can find the full article online at boisestatepublicradio.org/post/why-thousands-more-treasure-valley-residents-may-have-buy-flood-insurance.

Seattle Times

There are two recent stories in the Seattle Times about residents taking *action* to prepare themselves for wildfire hazards the costs so far this season in Washington to fight fires.

www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/okanogan-residents-take-preventive-measures-to-save-homes-from-wildfires/

www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/cost-of-fighting-washington-wildfires-nearly-35m-so-far/



Newsletter Ideas?

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