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News from Region X



Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes

Building Safety Month is a public safety awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe, resilient, affordable and energy-efficient homes and buildings.

The International Code Council provides tools and templates to help local communities tell residents and elected officials about Building Safety Month.

This year's theme is *Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes*. Weekly themes during Building Safety Month are: May 4-10, Don't Get Burned—Build to Code; May 11-17, Bounce Back Faster from Disaster—Build to Code; May 18-24, Water Safe, Water Smart—Build to Code; and May 25-31 Save Energy—Build to Code.

Homes and buildings that are built in compliance with building safety codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage. Regardless of the department code enforcement officials work in—building, fire, planning or elsewhere—they work hard every day to provide public safety by ensuring buildings are constructed safely. Because resilient structures minimize the risk of property damage, property owners may pay

lower insurance costs and millions of taxpayer dollars can be saved when rebuilding from natural disasters.

Visit www.buildingsafetymonth.org, and download a sample news release that can be modified for use in your community to post on your website and other social media outlets.

To learn more about how to prepare for all types of disasters and improve the safety and resilience of the places in which you spend time, please visit www.Ready.gov.

NORFMA Conference

Call for Abstracts

The NORFMA Annual Conference will be held in Post Falls, Idaho, on September 23-25. The Conference Committee is looking for abstract submittals for presentations, workshops, and case studies to illustrate this year's conference theme, *Floodplain Management: Decisions Today Last Beyond Tomorrow!*

Submit your abstract to Deanna Horton, dhorton@spokanevalley.org, or to Henry Hu, hhu@westconsultants.com. The deadline is June 30.

For more information visit norfma.clubexpress.com.

Ask the Help Desk

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

Send your questions to email at RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

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Featured Training

Earthquake Publications

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

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 17-18 – Portland, OR
 August 19-20 – Portland, OR
 September 9 – Seattle, WA
 September 16 – Boise, ID

Upcoming Events & Training

(All times Pacific)

STARR: Elevation Certificates

May 14, 10am
 Online* – 2 CEC

Introduction to CRS

May 19, 10am
 Online* – 1 CEC

CRS and Higher Regulatory Standards

May 20, 10am
 Online* – 1 CEC

STARR: NFIP Basics

May 28, 10am
 Online* – 1 CEC

STARR: Determining BFE

June 11, 10am
 Online* – 1 CEC

CRS: Preparing for a Verification Visit

June 16, 10am
 Online* – 1 CEC

CRS and Natural Floodplain Functions

June 17, 10am
 Online* - 1 CEC

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

FEMA P-767

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

September 8 – Port Angeles, WA
 September 15 – Boise, ID

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

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 (ID), crice@bhs.idaho.gov, Althea Rizzo, (OR), althea.rizzo@oem.state.or.us, or Lisa Johnson (WA), lisa.johnson@mil.wa.gov.

Job Opening

**Washington Department of Ecology
 Flood Engineer
 (Environmental Engineer 5)**

Location – Spokane, Washington
 \$5,668.00 - \$7,440.00 Monthly
 \$68,016.00 - \$89,280.00 Annually

Protecting Washington State's environment for current and future generations is what we do every day at Ecology. We are a culture that is invested in making a difference. If you want to join a team that is highly effective, collaborative, has leadership that embraces the value of people, and believes in the fun factor, Ecology is a good fit.

The [Shorelands and Environmental Assistance](#) (SEA) program within the Department of Ecology is looking to

fill a **Statewide Flood Engineer** (Environmental Engineer 5) position. This position will work out of our Eastern Regional Office (ERO) in Spokane, Washington.

This position serves as a senior statewide expert on engineering aspects of floodplain management for the (SEA) Program. As the statewide expert, the flood engineer provides professional engineering services and technical review of flood related projects throughout the state. In eastern Washington (13 counties), the position serves as the (SEA) Program representative to administer the Floodplain by Design, and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The flood engineer also plans, investigates, and proposes solutions to problems that require the research and application of environmental engineering techniques and principles to fluvial systems.

We are looking for applicants who have strong verbal and written communication skills, problem solving skills, and have the ability to work with a multi-disciplined group of professionals to address engineering problems and come up with ideas for flood plain restorations.

As an agency, our mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance Washington's environment for current and future generations. We invest in our employees to create and sustain a working environment that encourages creative leadership, effective resource management, teamwork, professionalism, and accountability.

For immediate consideration, please apply online at www.ecy.wa.gov. This position will close on **May 21, 2015**.



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