

OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CHANGING THE UPDATED FLOOD MAPS AND REPORTS

- During the 90-Day Appeal Period, community officials (or other interested parties through community officials) may submit *comments* concerning street names, corporate boundaries and other cosmetic or non-floodplain features shown on the Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports.
- During the 90-Day Appeal Period, community officials (or other interested parties through community officials) may also submit an *appeal* of the proposed Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown on the Preliminary DFIRMs and FIS reports.
- During the 90-Day Appeal Period, community officials (or other interested parties through community officials) also may submit a *protest* concerning flood hazard information other than BFEs shown on the Preliminary DFIRMs and FIS reports.
- After the DFIRMs and FIS reports become effective, community officials (or other interested parties through community officials) may request *map revisions* to request changes to the BFEs, floodplain boundaries, and regulatory floodways shown on the DFIRMs.
- After the DFIRMs and FIS reports become effective, individual property owners may request property specific changes through the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F) procedures.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAP REVISIONS

- Map Revisions are processed in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.
- In support of Map Revisions, requesters must submit appropriate scientific and technical information to refute the information shown on the effective map and in the effective FIS report.
- The type of supporting information required will vary depending on the basis for the Map Revision.
- To assist revision requesters, FEMA developed a set of application forms and instructions commonly referred to as the “MT-2 forms”. The MT-2 forms may be downloaded from the FEMA website at http://fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-2.shtm .
- If a revision to the effective map or report is appropriate, FEMA will either physically revise and reissue the affected portions of the updated map and/or report for review and ultimate publication or will issue a determination letter, referred to as a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). FEMA generally uses the LOMR process for relatively small modifications to the effective map and report.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTERS OF MAP AMENDMENT (LOMAS) AND LETTERS OF MAP REVISION BASED ON FILL (LOMR-F)

- If an individual property owner has technical information they believe indicates their structure has been inadvertently shown within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on the effective DFIRM, the property owner may submit that information to FEMA and request that FEMA remove the flood zone designation from the structure.
- If the structure has been built on natural ground, such requests are processed as LOMA requests in accordance with Part 70 of the NFIP regulations.
- If the structure has been elevated on earthen fill, such requests are processed as LOMR-F requests in accordance with Part 65 of the NFIP regulations.
- In support of LOMA or LOMR-F requests, the requester must include the surveyed elevation of the lowest ground touching the structure, the lowest enclosed level of the structure, and certain other information.
- To assist property owners and other requesters, FEMA developed application forms and instructions. For single residential lots or structures, requesters should use the MT-EZ form (available on the FEMA website at http://fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-ez.shtm). For multiple lots or structures, requesters should use the MT-1 forms package (available on the FEMA website at http://fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-1.shtm).
- If FEMA issues a LOMA or LOMR-F, thereby removing a structure from the floodplain, the Federal flood insurance requirements would no longer apply to that structure. LOMAs and LOMR-Fs are effective immediately. The property owner is still encouraged to purchase flood insurance, as the risk has been reduced, not eliminated. Existing flood insurance policies can be easily converted to the NFIPs lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy (PRP). Property owners should contact their insurance agent for more details.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- The documents referenced above are available from the Forms, Documents and Software portion of the FEMA website at http://fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/fhm_main.shtm.
- For general information, interested parties may also contact one of FEMA's Map Specialists, who may be reached either by telephone, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627), or via the FEMA website at http://fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/fmc_main.shtm.



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Information on the Updated
Flood Maps**

- For copies of effective NFIP maps and reports, interested parties should contact the FEMA Map Service Center, either by telephone, toll free, at 1-800-358-9616, or via the web at <http://msc.fema.gov/>.
- For more information about the Shawnee County Flood Map Modernization Project, please visit <http://snmapmod.snco.us>.
- For more information about flood insurance, please visit <http://www.floodsmart.gov>.