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Mr. Michael Buckley  
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RE: Directive to eliminate mass production of paper FIRMs

Dear Mr. Buckley:

The Association of State Floodplain Managers applauds FEMA's recent directive to dramatically reduce the printing and distribution of paper maps by October 2009. This measure will significantly shrink the costs to produce negatives and mountains of paper maps. ASFPM hopes that this is the first step of many in the conversion to digital products.

We commend FEMA for establishing an aggressive schedule to transition to digital distribution mechanisms from traditional paper map distribution. ASFPM recognizes that there are a number of NFIP communities and stakeholders not yet prepared to move to fully digital products. ASFPM is offering assistance to identify mechanisms to accommodate all NFIP communities and facilitate implantation of the directive. We fully support the transition to truly paperless product that will significantly reduce or eliminate FIRM production costs.

Sincerely,

Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM

cc: Doug Bellomo, FEMA  
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