



FEMA Floodplain Management Division Updates

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Selected Key Initiatives

- **State FPM Program Assessment**
- **DRRA 1206: Code Implementation and Enforcement**
- **Agricultural and Accessory Structures Policy**
- **CAP-SSSE Transformation**
- **NFIP ESA Program Changes**

State Assessment Purpose

Purpose:

FPM's upcoming State Assessment on the floodplain management of State-owned properties will support FEMA to:

- Ensure that Federal funds (i.e. NFIP and PA resources) allocated towards risk reduction for State-owned properties in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's) are being managed responsibly.
- Assess the identified engagement gap with States that participate as NFIP communities, as part of an ongoing effort to prioritize risk reduction strategies;

Engaging with local communities to evaluate and improve compliance with NFIP minimum standards is a core strength of FPM...



...However, there is an opportunity to improve engagement on State compliance and impact State risk reduction.

State Assessment Objectives

The State Assessment of floodplain management regulations for State-Owned properties is being initiated to:

- **Confirm State-level compliance with the NFIP minimum criteria for floodplain management per §60.12;**
- **Identify gaps within existing State floodplain management programs and policies and ensure that flood risk is being managed at the appropriate levels of State government;**
- **Optimize future Floodplain Management technical assistance engagement strategies to States; and**
- **Streamline necessary Floodplain Management coordination for Public Assistance grant implementation.**

DRRA 1206

- **The Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA) became law on October 5, 2018.**
- **DRRA Section 1206 is authorized under Sections 402 and 406 of the Stafford Act and is being implemented by FEMA Public Assistance (PA) with the advice and support of the Flood Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA).**
- **Section 1206 authorizes FEMA to:**
 - “provide assistance to state and local governments for building code and floodplain management ordinance administration and enforcement, including substantial damage compliance”, and
 - “base and overtime wages for extra hires to facilitate the implementation and enforcement of adopted building codes for a period of not more than 180 days after the major disaster is declared.”

Agricultural and Accessory Structures Policy

- **Public comments received in January 2019**
- **Final FEMA review has commenced**
- **Significance determination anticipated in June**
- **Estimated schedule for completion dependent on significance finding**
 - Fall 2019 if not significant
 - Spring 2020 if found significant

CAP-SSSE Transformation

- **Some Key 2017 Program Evaluation Findings and Recommendations**
 - More specific and aligned program goals, objectives, priorities and performance measures
 - Performance targets and requirements based on State capabilities
 - Establish a more transparent and defensible funding methodology
 - Standardize and improve financial and performance monitoring
- **FEMA State Roundtable, Wednesday, May 22 @10:30 will include session for State NFIP Coordinating Office Staff**

NFIP ESA Program Changes

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