A Framework for National Flood Risk Management

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FEMA
Updating Federal Flood Risk Standards
“It is the policy of the United States to improve the resilience of communities and federal assets against the impacts of flooding. These impacts are anticipated to increase over time due to the effects of climate change and other threats. Losses caused by flooding affect the environment, our economic prosperity, and public health and safety, each of which affects our national security.”

- Executive Order 13690
Federal Flood Risk Management Standard

**Flexible Approach:**
- Utilizing best-available, actionable data and methods that integrate current and future changes in flooding based on science;
- Two or three feet of elevation, (depending on criticality), above the 100-year, or 1%-annual-chance, flood elevation; or
- 500-year, or 0.2%-annual-chance flood elevation

**Timeline:**
- **January 30, 2015**
  - President signs Executive Order 13690
- **February 5, 2015**
  - Draft revisions to 1978 Floodplain Management Guidelines are published for comment
- **March - April 2015**
  - Listening Sessions conducted across the country and virtually
- **May 6, 2015**
  - Deadline for public comment on draft revised Guidelines
- **June 2015**
  - Agencies submit their Implementation Plan to White House
Applying the Standard

Does Apply

▸ Federal agencies will continue to implement Executive Order 11988, but replacing the 100-year base in the Executive Order with the process identified in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard.

Does Not Apply

▸ Executive Order 13690 does not prohibit building in the floodplains.

▸ EO 13690 does not apply to private investments in structures, facilities, or homes.

▸ The Standard will not affect flood insurance premiums or the requirements for participation in the NFIP. No change to:
  • community floodplain management requirements,
  • FEMA’s flood mapping standards,
  • FEMA’s levee accreditation regulations (44 CFR 65.10), or
  • rating/pricing practices of the NFIP.
We Listened, and This Is What We Heard

Impact of EO 13690 on permitting and financial transactions

Need for consistency across agencies

Importance of leveraging existing programs and resources

Need for clarity on roles, definitions, and processes
FEMA’s Focus and Priorities

1. **Priority 1**
   Be Survivor-Centric in Mission & Program Delivery

2. **Priority 2**
   Become an Expeditionary Organization

3. **Priority 3**
   Posture & Build Capability for Catastrophic Disasters

4. **Priority 4**
   Enable Disaster Risk Reduction Nationally

5. **Priority 5**
   Strengthen FEMA’s Organizational Foundation

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A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management

Foster Innovation & Learning

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**FEMA Strategic Plan**

2014–2018

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**FEMA**
FEMA’s Approach to National Disaster Risk Reduction

**PRIORITY 4**
Enable Disaster Risk Reduction Nationally

4.1 Provide Credible and Actionable Data and Tools to Support Risk Informed Decision-Making

4.2 Incentivize and Facilitate Investments to Manage Current and Future Risk

4.3 Enhance the Effectiveness, Financial Stability, and Affordability of the NFIP
Submit your questions at www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/FEMATownHall or at one of the kiosks at the Risk MAP Booth. All questions must be submitted by 12pm today in order to be entered into the Town Hall voting queue.