

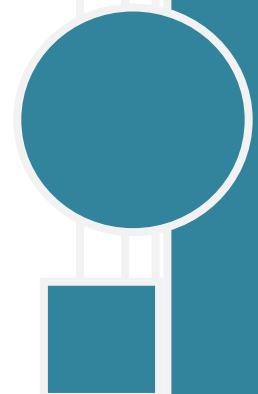
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**Floodplain Regulations Committee 2014-2015 Goals and Objectives:**

**Ongoing Work Items**

- 1) Maintain and enhance committee participation.
- 2) National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain regulations review.
- 3) Provide comments to Draft Revisions of FEMA Forms/Technical Bulletins.
- 4) Continue to work with the ASFPM executive office to improve the Floodplain Regulations Committee [webpage](#). The goal of the committee webpage is to provide a variety of resources for floodplain regulations, higher regulatory standards, and example of No Adverse Impact regulations.
- 5) Provide assistance, as needed, on preparing ASFPM white papers, with coordination through the Policy Committee Pod.
- 6) Promote the ASFPM “Higher Standards Reference Guide.” The purpose of this guide is to provide a selection of higher development standards that can be adopted by a community aimed at reducing flood impacts and losses.
- 7) Regulatory and legislative review and technical assistance.  
Assist in No Adverse Impact publications development and review.

## **Progress Reports**

### **Maintain and Enhance Committee Participation**

No Activity.

### **National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Regulations Review**

#### **Assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and provide comments and reviews as FEMA develops proposed changes to the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations – 44 CFR Parts 59-65**

This issue was the subject of committee conversation by email. It is apparent that as much or more effort is going into achieving higher floodplain regulatory standards through building codes than through changes to NFIP regulations. This has led to discussion that the subject of building codes/floodplain management should be addressed during the committee issues meeting, and possibly a committee name change to more accurately reflect the emphasis on codes and standards.

### **Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Webpage**

No Activity.

### **Regulatory and Legislative Review and Technical Assistance**

The Floodplain Regulations Committee has been providing assistance to the Florida Floodplain Managers Association regarding a number of regulatory issues with which they requested assistance from the association. The central issue that that many state and local parks in Florida have constructed or wish to construct restrooms/comfort stations in Coastal High Hazard Areas. At the 2014 ASFPM regulations issues meeting, the FFMA presented its findings and received feedback from the association as well as FEMA participants.

### **Assist in NAI publications development and review**

No Activity

### **Develop Field Guide to Flood Openings**

The Regulations Committee has been collecting photographs and information regarding non-engineered flood openings. The goal is to produce a guide that allows surveyors or floodplain managers to more easily estimate net area of

flood openings in cases where product specifications, or engineering certifications, do not provide the necessary information. This guide has been completed and will be presented at the regulations committee issues meeting.

### **Federal Forms /Elevation Certificate Issues**

The Regulations Committee provided comments on the FEMA standard Flood hazard determination form, in collaboration with the ASFPM Insurance Committee. In addition, the FEMA elevation certificate form expires on July 31, 2015 and will be replaced. The Regulations Committee will provide input to FEMA and discuss this during the regulations issues meeting.