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L273: Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

FEMA Region VII is hosting the L273 Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program course in Kansas City June 16-18, 2015 with an option for taking the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam on June 19, 2015. This field deployed EMI course is free to attend and designed to provide local officials, responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance, with the knowledge, skills, and tools for success in implementing their ordinance in compliance with NFIP requirements.

The course will focus on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance; and will provide the essential knowledge for passing the Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) exam. The Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) credential sets the industry standard for ensuring the knowledge and competence of practicing floodplain managers.

There is no fee to attend this course, however travelers will need to arrange their own transportation, food, and lodging, and sign up prior to the deadline. Priority for attendance is given to local officials and floodplain managers located within FEMA Region VII, others may attend depending on class size.

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) has established a national program for certifying floodplain managers. For more information about the CFM credential visit <http://www.floods.org>. Continuing education credits for course attendance has been requested from ASFPM for those with the CFM credential.

To attend, please contact Andy Megrail at andy.megrail@fema.dhs.gov or Todd Tucker at todd.tucker@fema.dhs.gov by May 28, 2015.

If you don't have a computer, and need additional help to sign up for the course, call SEMA 573 526 9115, and they will contact FEMA by phone

20th Annual MfSMA Conference to be held April 8-10, 2015

Registration is now open for the 2015 Annual MfSMA Conference, **"Yesterday's Disasters, Today's Reality, Tomorrow's Challenges - 20 Years of MfSMA."** That's right, it's been 20 years since MfSMA first brought together floodplain managers from throughout Missouri to discuss various methods, problems, and solutions for floodplain management.

The Conference will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri from April 8-10th. An exciting change this year will be a members only breakfast on Friday morning where you will meet with your area director and fellow area members for a variety of discussion topics. To register for the conference, go to <http://www.mfsma.org/annual-conference.html>.

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Enhancements to SEMA's FP Management/Insurance Website

Visitors to SEMA's Floodplain Management/ Floodplain Insurance Web page will see some new and updated information and resources, along with other changes designed to make the site more helpful and user friendly. The new features include four downloadable forms that are key tools when managing floodplain development at the local level. The forms include the Floodplain Development Permit, the Engineering "No-Rise" Certificate, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Elevation Certificate and the NFIP Floodproofing Certificate.

Also new are two sets of step-by-step instructions that help people successfully complete two multi-step and often complicated processes. The first set of instructions is for completing and submitting a Letter of Map Amendment – Out-As-Shown document application. This application form is used to document that a piece of land or a building in question is correctly shown as being outside a Special Flood Hazard Area and does not fall under the mandatory flood insurance requirement.

The second set walks people through the process of creating an official copy of a portion of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel, known as a FIRMette. Created online at FEMA's Map Service Center, a FIRMette is considered a legal document for NFIP use, unlike photocopies, which cannot be used for legal purposes.

Another enhancement is a new training element for anyone interested in becoming a certified floodplain manager. Currently, people can attend a three-hour training workshop prior to taking the certification test. The workshops are free and registration is not required, but they are not now available online and are held in different locations around the state.

When the website is fully updated, people will be able to go online to access a test study guide and other necessary information. They can then complete a self-guided training module to prepare for the test. While online test preparation will soon be available, the actual floodplain manager certification test must still be taken in person.

The test registration process is not coordinated through SEMA. The required forms must be completed and submitted, along with the testing fee, to the Association of State Floodplain Managers. The test application packets are available online at www.floods.org. Dates and locations for upcoming pre-test workshops and certification tests are currently available on the SEMA website.