



Industry Alert

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FEMA Announcement on CBRS Areas

FEMA recently announced that later this year it will no longer include or maintain the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) data within the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. FEMA intends to effectuate this change in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) through revising its mapping standards and guidelines. You are encouraged to review these [proposed changes](#) and to consider whether or not you wish to provide comment back to FEMA regarding this change. FEMA is accepting comments from the public until September 5, which can be submitted via email to FEMA at FEMA.GS@riskmapcdfs.com.

By way of background, Congress passed the Coastal Barrier Resources Act in 1982, and subsequently the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act in 1990, to protect certain coastal barriers and other ecologically sensitive areas from the potential impacts of development by prohibiting Federal expenditures or financial assistance, including the availability of NFIP flood insurance, on properties in these areas. The USFWS as part of the Department of the Interior is responsible for producing and maintaining the [CBRS data](#) which delineates these geographic areas. For years, FEMA and the USFWS have been in a partnership to permit FEMA to incorporate CBRS data into FEMA's flood maps given that the flood maps are central to flood insurance information. With this proposed change, FEMA will no longer display or incorporate the CBRS data as part of its flood maps including as part of its National Flood Hazard Layer available in the [Map Service Center](#).

CoreLogic provides CBRS information as part of its flood determination service and with each completed Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form, as appropriate. We are working internally to prepare for this possible transition and are also working with industry partners on any questions or concerns that may arise. We will provide updates over the coming weeks via our Industry Alerts.

If you have questions or comments regarding the information shared in this Industry Alert, please contact us at floodcompliance@corelogic.com. Feel free to forward this alert to colleagues who may be interested in receiving this information. Individuals may also subscribe to future *Industry Alerts* [here](#).

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