

# Flood Industry Alert

## Flood Updates

### **FEMA Comment Period for Changes in Community Status Communication**

FEMA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking for which a comment period extends through April 13. As described in the [notice](#), FEMA is seeking comment on proposed revisions to its regulations governing how FEMA communicates to the public about communities facing suspension from the NFIP. FEMA states that the proposed changes are intended to modernize and streamline communication processes while reducing costs. Under current regulations, FEMA is to publish a notice in the [Federal Register](#) announcing the suspension or withdrawal of a community from the program. In addition, FEMA generates a quarterly report of changes to the list of participating communities. If implemented as proposed, in the future FEMA would discontinue publishing these notices in the Federal Register and generating the quarterly change list. Instead, FEMA would publish the notices of suspension and withdrawal on the internet, such as within the [NFIP Community Status Book](#), and would maintain any participation lists or change lists on the internet in a similar manner.

If you have concerns about impact based upon your current processes, you may submit comments to FEMA directly as prescribed in the notice or you may contact one of your trade associations, as appropriate.

### **Extension of Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form**

As a continued reminder, FEMA [acknowledges](#) that the version of the [Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form](#) with the October 31, 2018 expiration date may continue to be utilized until further notice. FEMA will announce the release of the new version at which time we will inform you of the transition plan which will be completed within any applicable implementation period set by the Agencies.

### **New Elevation Certificate Released**

The new version of the [Elevation Certificate](#) (FEMA Form 086-0-33) was recently released by FEMA. The Elevation Certificate is a form utilized to document elevation information for floodplain management purposes, insurance rating purposes, and to support requests for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). There do not appear to be any material differences from the prior version of the certificate and the newly released one dated December 2019 with an expiration date of November 30, 2022.

### South Bethany, Delaware Map Notice

Earlier this year FEMA announced via a notice to user that two flood map panels in Sussex County, Delaware issued in 2017 were to be replaced by corresponding 2015 map panels that had been previously effective. This unprecedented step by FEMA had a limited impact given the flood zones are largely the same between the 2015 and 2017 flood map panels. In fact, there is only a portion of one neighborhood for which the flood zone status of the properties has changed, moving a limited number of properties from in the Special Flood Hazard Area to out of the Special Flood Hazard Area. We continue to communicate with clients and are available for questions given the uniqueness of this change. Although small in impact, we understand the confusion such an action by FEMA can cause; therefore, we are working back through the National Flood Association and other impacted trade associations on any appropriate next steps.

If you have questions or comments regarding the information shared in this Industry Alert, please contact us at [floodcompliance@corelogic.com](mailto: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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