FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 65

[Docket No. FEMA-7217]

Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA. ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: This interim rule lists communities where modification of the base (1% annual chance) flood elevations is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. New flood insurance premium rates will be calculated from the modified base flood elevations for new buildings and their contents.

DATES: These modified base flood elevations are currently in effect on the dates listed in the table and revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMs) in effect prior to this determination for each listed community.

From the date of the second publication of these changes in a newspaper of local circulation, any person has ninety (90) days in which to request through the community that the Executive Associate Director reconsider the changes. The modified elevations may be changed during the 90-day period.

ADDRESSES: The modified base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief, Hazard Identification Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2796. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modified base flood elevations are not listed for each community in this interim rule. However, the address of the Chief Executive Officer of the community where the modified base flood elevation determinations are available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration must be based upon knowledge of changed conditions, or upon new scientific or technical data.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

For rating purposes, the currently effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

These modified elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, state or regional entities.

The changes in base flood elevations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

Regulatory Classification

This interim rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 65

Flood insurance, Floodplains, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 65 is amended to read as follows:

PART 65—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 65 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§65.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of $\S65.4$ are amended as follows:

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was pub- lished	Chief Executive Officer of community	Effective date of Modi- fication	Community No.
Connecticut: New Haven.	City of New Haven	February 24, 1997, March 3, 1997, New Haven Reg- ister.	The Honorable John DeStefano, Jr., mayor of the city of New Haven, Of- fice of the Mayor, 165 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.	February 18, 1997.	090084 C
Florida: Duval	City of Jacksonville	February 18, 1997, February 25, 1997, The Florida Times Union.	The Honorable John Delaney, mayor of the city of Jacksonville, 220 East Bay Street, 14th Floor, Jacksonville, Flor- ida 32202.	February 11, 1997.	120077 F

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was pub- lished	Chief Executive Officer of community	Effective date of Modi- fication	Community No.
Maryland: Washington	Town of Boonsboro	February 14, 1997, February 21, 1997, The Morn- ing Herald and The Daily Mail.	The Honorable Charles F. Kauffman, Jr., mayor of the town of Boonsboro, 21 North Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland 21713.	May 22, 1997.	240071 A
Washington	Unincorporated areas	February 14, 1997, February 21, 1997, The Morn- ing Herald and The Daily Mail.	Mr. Rodney Shoop, Washington County Administrator, 100 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.	May 22, 1997.	240070 A
Ohio: Tuscarawas	City of Dover	February 14, 1997, The Times-Re- porter.	The Honorable Richard M. Homrighausen, mayor of the city of Dover, 110 East Third Street, Dover, Ohio 44622.	March 9, 1997.	390543 B
Wisconsin:					
Dane	Unincorporated areas	February 18, 1997, February 25, 1997, Wisconsin State Journal.	Mr. Richard Phelps, Dane County Exec- utive, City-County Building, Room 421, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Bou- levard, Madison, Wisconsin 53709.	February 12, 1997.	550077 B
Dane	City of Madison	February 18, 1997, February 25, 1997, Wisconsin State Journal.	The Honorable Paul Soglin, mayor of the city of Madison, City-County Build- ing, Room 403, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Madison, Wiscon- sin 53710.	February 12, 1997.	550083 E

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance")

Dated: April 2, 1997.

Richard W. Krimm, *Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate.* [FR Doc. 97–9208 Filed 4–9–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6718–03–P

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 65

Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA. **ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: Modified base (1% annual chance) flood elevations are finalized for the communities listed below. These modified elevations will be used to calculate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents. **EFFECTIVE DATES:** The effective dates for these modified base flood elevations are indicated on the following table and revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMs) in effect for each listed community prior to this date. ADDRESSES: The modified base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frederick H. Sharrocks, Jr., Chief, Hazard Identification Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency makes the final determinations listed below of modified base flood elevations for each community listed. These modified elevations have been published in newspapers of local circulation and ninety (90) days have elapsed since that publication. The Executive Associate Director has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

The modified base flood elevations are not listed for each community in this notice. However, this rule includes the address of the Chief Executive Officer of the community where the modified base flood elevation determinations are available for inspection.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

For rating purposes, the currently effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

These modified elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, state or regional entities.

These modified elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

The changes in base flood elevations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Executive Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate, certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of