

holders an additional month to make arrangements to buy and maintain flood insurance beyond the current term for the GFIP of thirty-six months.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

The requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration, categorically exclude this final rule. We have not prepared an environmental impact assessment.

#### Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action within the meaning of § 2(f) of E.O. 12866 of September 30, 1993, 58 FR 51735, but attempts to adhere to the regulatory principles set forth in E.O. 12866. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed this final rule under E.O. 12866.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule does not contain a collection of information and therefore is not subject to the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

#### Executive Order 12612, Federalism

This final rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under E.O. 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

#### Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform

This final rule meets the applicable standards of § 2(b)(2) of E.O. 12778.

#### Congressional Review of Agency Rulemaking

We have sent this final rule to the Congress and to the General Accounting Office under the Congressional Review of Agency Rulemaking Act, Pub. L. 104-121. The rule is not a "major rule" within the meaning of that Act. It is an administrative action in support of normal day-to-day activities. It does not result in nor is it likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more. It will not result in a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions. It will not have "significant adverse effects" on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. This final rule is exempt (1) from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and (2) from the Paperwork Reduction Act. The rule is not an unfunded Federal mandate within the meaning of the Unfunded

Mandates Reform Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-4. It does not meet the \$100,000,000 threshold of that Act, and any enforceable duties are imposed as a condition of Federal assistance or a duty arising from participation in a voluntary Federal program.

#### List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 61

Flood insurance.

Accordingly, we adopt the interim rule amending 44 CFR Part 61, which was published at 61 FR 19197 on May 1, 1996, as the final rule with the following change:

#### PART 61—INSURANCE COVERAGE AND RATES

1. The authority citation for Part 61 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 43 FR 41943, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127 of Mar. 31, 1979, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

2. Section 61.17 is revised to read as follows:

#### § 61.17 Group Flood Insurance Policy.

(a) A Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP) is a policy covering all individuals named by a State as recipients under § 411 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5178) of an Individual and Family Grant (IFG) program award for flood damage as a result of a major disaster declaration by the President.

(b) The premium for the GFIP, initially, is a flat fee of \$200 per policyholder. Thereafter, the premium may be adjusted to reflect NFIP loss experience and any adjustment of benefits under the IFG program.

(c) The amount of coverage will equal the maximum grant amount established under § 411 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5178).

(d) The term of the GFIP will be 37 months and will begin 60 days from the date of the disaster declaration.

(e) Coverage for individual grantees begins on the thirtieth day after the NFIP receives the required data for individual grantees and their premium payments.

(f) A Certificate of Flood Insurance will be sent to each individual insured under the GFIP.

(g) The GFIP is the Standard Flood Insurance Policy Dwelling Form (a copy of which is included in Appendix A(1) of this part), except that:

(1) The GFIP provides coverage for losses caused by land subsidence, sewer backup, or seepage of water without regard to the requirement in paragraph B.3. of Article 3 that the structure be insured to 80 percent of its replacement

cost or the maximum amount of insurance available under the NFIP.

(2) Article 7, Deductibles, does not apply to the GFIP. Instead, a special deductible of \$200 (applicable separately to any building loss and any contents loss) applies to insured flood-damage losses sustained by the insured property in the course of any subsequent flooding event during the term of the GFIP. The separate deductible applicable to Article 3 B.3 does not apply.

(3) Article 9 E., Cancellation of Policy by You, does not apply to the GFIP.

(4) Article 9 G., Policy Renewal, does not apply to the GFIP.

(h) A notice will be sent to the GFIP certificate holders approximately 60 days before the end of the 3-year term of the GFIP. The notice will:

(1) Encourage them to contact a local insurance agent or producer or a private insurance company selling NFIP policies under the Write Your Own program of the NFIP to apply for a conventional NFIP Standard Flood Insurance Policy; and

(2) Advise them as to the amount of coverage they must maintain in order not to jeopardize their eligibility for future disaster assistance. The amount of flood insurance coverage to be maintained by certificate holders will be provided to the NFIP by the IFG program or the State with its own fully funded disaster assistance program.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance"; No. 83.516, "Disaster Assistance")

Dated: July 21, 1999.

**Jo Ann Howard,**

*Administrator, Federal Insurance Administration.*

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#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

#### 44 CFR Part 65

[Docket No. FEMA-7292]

#### 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) 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 Associate Director for Mitigation 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:** Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards Study Branch, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3461, or (e-mail) matt.miller@fema.gov.

**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 (NFIP).

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 Associate Director for Mitigation 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 NFIP. 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 § 65.4 are amended as follows:

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Arizona: Pima .....	Unincorporated Areas.	May 6, 1999, May 13, 1999, <i>Arizona Daily Star</i> .	The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chairperson, Pima County, Board of Supervisors, 130 West Congress, 11th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701.	Apr. 8, 1999 .....	040073
Arizona: Pima .....	Unincorporated Areas.	May 11, 1999, May 18, 1999, <i>Arizona Daily Star</i> .	The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chairperson, Pima County, Board of Supervisors, 130 West Congress, 11th Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701.	Apr. 6, 1999 .....	040073
Arizona: Pima .....	City of Tucson .....	May 11, 1999, May 18, 1999, <i>Arizona Daily Star</i> .	The Honorable George Miller, Mayor, City of Tucson, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, Arizona 85726.	Apr. 6, 1999 .....	040076
Arizona: Navajo ...	City of Winslow ...	May 19, 1999, May 26, 1999, <i>Winslow Mail</i> .	The Honorable James L. Boles, Mayor, City of Winslow, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona 86047.	Apr. 28, 1999 .....	040072
Arkansas: Craighead.	City of Jonesboro	May 28, 1999, June 4, 1999, <i>Jonesboro Sun</i> .	The Honorable Hubert Brodell, Mayor, City of Jonesboro, P.O. Box 1845, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403-1845.	Apr. 22, 1999 .....	050048

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
California:					
Sonoma .....	City of Cotati .....	May 20, 1999, May 27, 1999, <i>Sonoma County Independent</i> .	The Honorable Harold Berkmeier, Mayor, City of Cotati, 201 West Sierra Avenue, Cotati, California 94931.	Apr. 21, 1999 .....	060377
Riverside .....	City of Lake Elsinore.	May 21, 1999, May 28, 1999, <i>Lake Elsinore Valley Sun Tribune</i> .	The Honorable Genie Kelley, Mayor, City of Lake Elsinore, 130 South Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California 92530.	Apr. 22, 1999 .....	060636
Riverside .....	Unincorporated Areas.	May 21, 1999, May 28, 1999, <i>Lake Elsinore Valley Sun-Tribune</i> .	The Honorable John Tavaglione, Chairman, Riverside County, Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 1646, Riverside, California 92502.	Apr. 22, 1999 .....	060245
San Diego ....	Unincorporated Areas.	May 21, 1999, May 28, 1999, <i>San Diego Daily Transcript</i> .	The Honorable Pam Slater, Chairperson, San Diego County, Board of Supervisors, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335, San Diego, California 92101.	Apr. 30, 1999 .....	060284
Colorado:					
Boulder .....	Unincorporated Areas.	June 4, 1999, June 11, 1999, <i>Daily Camera</i> .	The Honorable Ron Stewart, Chairman, Boulder County, Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 471, Boulder, Colorado 80306-0471.	May 14, 1999 .....	080023
Boulder .....	City of Longmont	June 4, 1999, June 11, 1999, <i>Longmont Daily Times Call</i> .	The Honorable Leona Stoecker, Mayor, City of Longmont, 350 Kimbark Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.	May 14, 1999 .....	080027
Adams and Jefferson.	City of Westminster.	May 20, 1999, May 27, 1999, <i>Westminster Window</i> .	The Honorable Nancy M. Heil, Mayor, City of Westminster, 4800 West 92nd Avenue, Westminster, Colorado 80030.	Apr. 23, 1999 .....	080008
Kansas: Sedgwick	City of Wichita .....	May 13, 1999, May 20, 1999, <i>Wichita Eagle</i> .	The Honorable Bob Knight, Mayor, City of Wichita, City Hall, 455 North Main Street, Wichita, Kansas 67202.	Apr. 8, 1999 .....	200328
Louisiana: Catahoula Parish.	Unincorporated Areas.	May 19, 1999, May 26, 1999, <i>Catahoula News Booster</i> .	The Honorable Emmitt Taylor, President, Catahoula Parish Police Jury, P.O. Box 258, Harrisonburg, Louisiana 71340.	Apr. 13, 1999 .....	220047
Missouri:					
St. Louis .....	City of Florissant	May 21, 1999, May 28, 1999, <i>Watchman Advocate</i> .	The Honorable James J. Egan, Mayor, City of Florissant, City Hall, 955 Rue St. Francois, Florissant, Missouri 63031.	Apr. 16, 1999 .....	290352
St. Louis .....	Unincorporated Areas.	May 21, 1999, May 28, 1999, <i>St. Louis Countian</i> .	The Honorable Buzz Westfall, St. Louis County Executive, 41 South Central Avenue, Clayton, Missouri 63105.	Apr. 16, 1999 .....	290327
New Mexico: Bernalillo.	City of Albuquerque.	May 21, 1999, May 28, 1999, <i>Albuquerque Journal</i> .	The Honorable Jim Baca, Mayor, City of Albuquerque, P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.	Apr. 15, 1999 .....	350002
Texas:					
Bell .....	City of Belton .....	May 6, 1999, May 13, 1999, <i>The Belton Journal</i> .	The Honorable Charley Powell, Mayor, City of Belton, P.O. Box 120, Belton, Texas 76513.	Apr. 1, 1999 .....	480028
Comal .....	Unincorporated Areas.	May 7, 1999, May 14, 1999, <i>The Herald Zeitung</i> .	The Honorable Danny Shell, County Judge, Comal County, 150 North Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.	Apr. 1, 1999 .....	485463
Dallas .....	City of Dallas .....	May 5, 1999, May 12, 1999, <i>Dallas Morning News</i> .	The Honorable Ron Kirk, Mayor, City of Dallas, City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75201.	Aug. 10, 1999 .....	480171
Denton .....	Town of Flower Mound.	May 19, 1999, May 26, 1999, <i>Denton Record-Chronicle</i> .	The Honorable Lori De Luca, Mayor, Town of Flower Mound, 2121 Cross Timbers Drive, Flower Mound, Texas 75028.	Apr. 12, 1999 .....	480777
Tarrant .....	City of Hurst .....	June 3, 1999, June 10, 1999, <i>Fort Worth Star-Telegram</i> .	The Honorable Bill Souder, Mayor, City of Hurst, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas 76054.	Apr. 28, 1999 .....	480601

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community No.
Collin .....	City of Plano .....	May 5, 1999, May 12, 1999, <i>Plano Star Courier</i> .	The Honorable John Longstreet, Mayor, City of Plano, P.O. Box 860358, Plano, Texas 75086-0358.	Aug. 10, 1999 .....	480140

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Dated: July 20, 1999.

**Michael J. Armstrong,**

*Associate Director for Mitigation.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### 44 CFR Part 65

[Docket No. FEMA-7293]

#### 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 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:** Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards

Study Branch, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3461, or (email) matt.miller@fema.gov.

**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 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 § 65.4 are amended as follows: