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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### 44 CFR Part 64

[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8065]

#### Suspension of Community Eligibility

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule identifies communities, where the sale of flood insurance has been authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), that are scheduled for suspension from the NFIP on the effective dates listed within this rule because of noncompliance with the floodplain management requirements of the program. If the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives documentation that the community has adopted the required floodplain management measures prior to the effective suspension date given in this rule, the suspension will not occur and a notice of this will be provided by publication in the **Federal Register** on a subsequent date.

**DATES:** *Effective Dates:* The effective date of each community's scheduled suspension is the third date ("Susp.") listed in the third column of the following tables.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you want to determine whether a particular community was suspended on the suspension date or for further information, contact David Stearrett, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2953.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance which is generally not otherwise available. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management aimed at protecting lives and new

construction from future flooding. Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage as authorized under the NFIP, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.* unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed in this document no longer meet that statutory requirement for compliance with program regulations, 44 CFR part 59. Accordingly, FEMA is suspending these communities from the NFIP on the effective date identified in the third column of the chart below. As of that date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the community. However, some of these communities may adopt and submit the required documentation of legally enforceable floodplain management measures after this rule is published but prior to the actual suspension date. These communities will not be suspended and will continue their eligibility for the sale of insurance. FEMA will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice withdrawing the suspension of those communities that submit the required documentation before the applicable suspension date(s).

In addition, FEMA has identified the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in these communities by publishing a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The date of the FIRM, if one has been published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. No direct Federal financial assistance (except assistance pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act not in connection with a flood) may legally be provided for construction or acquisition of buildings in identified SFHAs for communities not participating in the NFIP and identified for more than a year on FEMA's initial flood insurance map of the community as having flood-prone areas (section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4106(a), as amended). This prohibition against certain types of Federal assistance becomes effective for the communities listed on the date shown in the last column.

The Administrator finds that notice and public comment under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and unnecessary because communities listed in this final rule have been adequately notified. Each community receives 6-month, 90-day, and 30-day notification letters addressed to the Chief Executive Officer stating that the community will

be suspended unless the required floodplain management measures are met prior to the effective suspension date. Since these notifications were made, this final rule may take effect within less than 30 days.

**National Environmental Policy Act.** This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Considerations. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act.** The Administrator has determined that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed no longer comply with the statutory requirements, and after the effective date, flood insurance will no longer be available in the communities unless remedial action takes place.

**Regulatory Classification.** This final 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 13132, Federalism.** This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

**Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform.** This rule meets the applicable standards of Executive Order 12988.

**Paperwork Reduction Act.** This rule does not involve any collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

#### List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 64

Flood insurance, Floodplains.

■ Accordingly, 44 CFR part 64 is amended as follows:

#### PART 64—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 64 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.

#### § 64.6 [Amended]

■ 2. The tables published under the authority of § 64.6 are amended as follows:

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain Federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
<b>Region I</b>				
Rhode Island:				
Burrville, Town of, Providence County ..	440013	June 11, 1975, Emerg; July 2, 1979, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	Mar. 2, 2009 .....	Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b>
Cranston, City of, Providence County ...	445396	September 11, 1970, Emerg; August 27, 1971, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....*do .....	Do.
Central Falls, City of, Providence County.	445394	November 6, 1970, Emerg; May 28, 1971, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Cumberland, Town of, Providence County.	440016	July 15, 1975, Emerg; December 16, 1980, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
East Providence, City of, Providence County.	445398	June 5, 1970, Emerg; May 18, 1973, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Foster, Town of, Providence County .....	440033	May 14, 1975, Emerg; December 4, 1985, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....*do .....	Do.
Glocester, Town of, Providence County	440034	December 29, 1975, Emerg; August 15, 1979, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Johnston, Town of, Providence County	440018	August 1, 1975, Emerg; September 1, 1978, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Lincoln, Town of, Providence County ...	445400	May 5, 1972, Emerg; November 30, 1973, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
North Providence, Town of, Providence County.	440020	October 6, 1972, Emerg; December 15, 1977, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
North Smithfield, Town of, Providence County.	440021	May 6, 1975, Emerg; August 1, 1978, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Pawtucket, City of, Providence County	440022	January 15, 1971, Emerg; July 16, 1971, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Providence, City of, Providence County	445406	September 11, 1970, Emerg; December 11, 1970, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Scituate, Town of, Providence County ..	440024	January 13, 1975, Emerg; January 2, 1981, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Smithfield, Town of, Providence County	440025	December 17, 1971, Emerg; March 1, 1977, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region III</b>				
Virginia:				
Caroline County, Unincorporated Areas	510249	June 3, 1974, Emerg; August 15, 1989, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region IV</b>				
North Carolina:				
Belmont, City of, Gaston County .....	370320	March 26, 1976, Emerg; November 1, 1979, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Charlotte, City of, Mecklenburg County	370159	April 12, 1973, Emerg; August 15, 1978, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Cornelius, Town of, Mecklenburg County.	370498	—, Emerg; September 30, 1997, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Davidson, Town of, Mecklenburg County.	370503	—, Emerg; October 16, 1997, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Gaston County, Unincorporated Areas	370099	April 16, 1976, Emerg; May 1, 1980, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.

State and location	Community No.	Effective date authorization/cancellation of sale of flood insurance in community	Current effective map date	Date certain Federal assistance no longer available in SFHAs
Huntersville, Town of, Mecklenburg County.	370478	January 11, 1995, Emerg; February 4, 2004, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Mathews, Town of, Mecklenburg County.	370310	January 11, 1995, Emerg; February 4, 2004, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Mecklenburg County, Unincorporated Areas.	370158	May 17, 1973, Emerg; June 1, 1981, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Mint Hill, Town of, Mecklenburg County	370539	—, Emerg; December 21, 2007, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
North Wilkesboro, Town of, Wilkes County.	370257	December 28, 1973, Emerg; February 15, 1978, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Pineville, Town of, Mecklenburg County	370160	May 6, 1975, Emerg; March 18, 1987, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Stallings, Town of, Union County .....	370472	—, Emerg; April 5, 1994, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Union County, Unincorporated Areas ...	370234	August 9, 1983, Emerg; July 18, 1983, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Wilkes County, Unincorporated Areas ..	370256	May 28, 1976, Emerg; March 31, 2003, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Wilkesboro, Town of, Wilkes County ....	370259	April 15, 1974, Emerg; June 1, 1987, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region V</b>				
Wisconsin:				
Door County, Unincorporated Areas .....	550109	April 30, 1973, Emerg; April 3, 1978, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Ephraim, Village of, Door County .....	550611	December 26, 1986, Emerg; January 15, 1998, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Sturgeon Bay, City of, Door County .....	550111	May 13, 1975, Emerg; August 5, 1991, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region VI</b>				
Arkansas:				
Arkansas County, Unincorporated Areas.	050418	April 5, 1989, Emerg; December 1, 1989, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Dewitt, City of, Arkansas County .....	050001	June 18, 1975, Emerg; July 1, 1987, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Gillett, City of, Arkansas County .....	050325	May 23, 1975, Emerg; January 17, 1986, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Humphrey, City of, Arkansas County ....	050108	July 31, 1975, Emerg; November 1, 1985, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
St. Charles, Town of, Arkansas County.	050285	August 26, 1975, Emerg; October 12, 1982, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Stuttgart, City of, Arkansas County .....	050002	April 11, 1975, Emerg; June 1, 1988, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region VII</b>				
Iowa:				
Bevington, City, Warren County .....	190273	November 30, 1976, Emerg; May 1, 1987, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Cumming, City of, Warren County .....	190946	—, Emerg; January 24, 2000, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Indianola, City of, Warren County .....	190275	June 1, 1977, Emerg; July 31, 1979, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.

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Lacona, City of, Warren County .....	190752	December 6, 1976, Emerg; July 1, 1987, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Martensdale, City of, Warren County. ...	190524	April 28, 1994, Emerg; September 1, 1996, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Norwalk, City of, Warren County .....	190631	March 3, 1993, Emerg; November 20, 1998, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Warren County, Unincorporated Areas	190912	November 19, 1990, Emerg; July 1, 1991, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Nebraska:				
Beaver City, City, Furnas County .....	310348	January 19, 1978, Emerg; August 1, 1986, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Cambridge, City of, Furnas County .....	310087	May 24, 1973, Emerg; March 28, 1980, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Wilsonville, Village of, Furnas County ...	310335	May 23, 1994, Emerg; November 7, 2001, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
<b>Region VIII</b>				
Wyoming:				
Washakie County, Unincorporated Areas.	560089	October 30, 2000, Emerg;—, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.
Worland, City of, Washakie County .....	560056	April 30, 1975, Emerg; September 15, 1978, Reg; Date of publication in <b>Federal Register</b> , Susp.	.....do .....	Do.

\* do = Ditto.

Code for reading third column: Emerg.—Emergency; Reg.—Regular; Susp.—Suspension.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### 44 CFR Part 65

[Docket ID FEMA–2008–0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–B–1030]

### Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Interim rule.

**SUMMARY:** This interim rule lists communities where modification of the Base (1% annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. New flood insurance premium rates will be

calculated from the modified BFEs for new buildings and their contents.

**DATES:** These modified BFEs are currently in effect on the dates listed in the table below and revise the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) in effect prior to this determination for the listed communities.

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 Mitigation Assistant Administrator of FEMA reconsider the changes. The modified BFEs may be changed during the 90-day period.

**ADDRESSES:** The modified BFEs 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 table below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William R. Blanton, Jr., Engineering Management Branch, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–3151.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The modified BFEs are not listed for each community in this interim rule.

However, the address of the Chief Executive Officer of the community where the modified BFE determinations are available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or 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 BFEs 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 BFEs, 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