

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency****44 CFR Part 65**

[Docket No. FEMA-D-7571]

**Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**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 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 Director reconsider the changes. The modified elevations 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:** Doug Bellomo, P.E., Hazard Identification Section, Emergency

Preparedness and Response Directorate, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2903.

**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 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 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 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 BFEs 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 Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified BFEs 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 shown below:

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community number
Alabama: Jefferson ....	City of Homewood ....	March 21, 2005, March 28, 2005, <i>The Birmingham News</i> .	The Honorable Barry R. McCulley, Mayor of the City of Homewood, 1903 29th Avenue South, Homewood, Alabama 35209.	April 14, 2005 .....	015006 E
Alabama: Colbert .....	City of Muscle Shoals	March 25, 2005, April 1, 2005, <i>Times Daily</i> .	The Honorable David H. Bradford, Mayor of the City of Muscle Shoals, P.O. Box 2624, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662.	April 18, 2005 .....	010047 C
Florida: Duval .....	City of Jacksonville ....	April 6, 2005, April 13, 2005, <i>The Florida Times-Union</i> .	The Honorable John Peyton, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, 4th Floor, City Hall at St. James, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 400, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.	April 29, 2005 .....	120077 E

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community number
Florida: Duval .....	City of Jacksonville ....	March 24, 2005, March 31, 2005, <i>The Florida Times-Union</i> .	The Honorable John Peyton, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 400, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.	June 30, 2005 .....	120077 E
Georgia: DeKalb .....	City of Decatur .....	March 24, 2005, March 31, 2005, <i>The Champion</i> .	The Honorable Bill Floyd, Mayor of the City of Decatur, P.O. Box 220, Decatur, Georgia 30031.	March 18, 2005 .....	135159 H
Georgia: Harris .....	Unincorporated Areas	March 31, 2005, April 7, 2005, <i>Harris County Journal</i> .	Ms. Carol Silva, Harris County Manager, P.O. Box 365, Hamilton, Georgia 31811.	March 24, 2005 .....	130338 A
Pennsylvania: Northampton.	City of Bethlehem .....	April 8, 2005, April 15, 2005, <i>The Morning Call</i> .	The Honorable John B. Callahan, Mayor of the City of Bethlehem, 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018.	July 15, 2005 .....	420718 D
Pennsylvania: Bucks	Township of Wrightstown.	April 8, 2005, April 15, 2005, <i>The Morning Call</i> .	Mr. Chester S. Pogonowski, Chairman of the Township of Wrightstown Board of Supervisors, 738 Penns Park Road, Wrightstown, Pennsylvania 18940.	July 15, 2005 .....	421045 F
Virginia: Fairfax .....	Unincorporated Areas	March 14, 2005, March 21, 2005, <i>The Washington Times</i> .	Mr. Anthony H. Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035-0050.	April 4, 2005 .....	515525 D

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**44 CFR Part 67**

**Final Flood Elevation Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and modified BFEs are made final for the communities listed below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**DATES: Effective Dates:** The date of issuance of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) showing BFEs and modified BFEs for each community. This date may be obtained by contacting the office where the maps are available for inspection as indicated on the table below.

**ADDRESSES:** The final 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:** Doug Bellomo, P.E., Hazard Identification Section, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2903.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FEMA makes the final determinations listed below for the modified BFEs 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 Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final rule is issued in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster

Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR Part 67.

The Agency has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR Part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the proof Flood Insurance Study and FIRM available at the address cited below for each community.

The BFEs and modified BFEs are made final in the communities listed below. Elevations at selected locations in each community are shown.

*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 Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because final or modified BFEs are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

*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,