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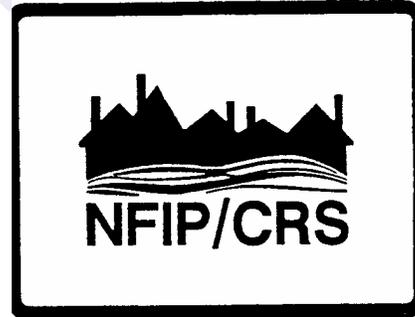
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COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

RECERTIFICATION is HERE AGAIN !!!

Recertifications are to be mailed to:
Phil Anderson
CRS Specialist
1713 Lakeshore Dr.
Owensville, MO 65066

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2004

SO DON'T DELAY

Now is a good time to review your Program's documentation.
(i.e.: logs, letters, mail-outs, outreach projects)

If you need any assistance please call our office:
(225) 274-4354

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NFIP 101 CLASS PARTICIPANTS

held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at LA DOTD Headquarters

June 14-18, 2004



Back Row:

Brad Duhon [City of Lafayette/Lafayette Ph.], Rodney Smith [Ouachita Ph.], Daniel Baiamonte [St. Bernard Ph.], Jennifer Bass [Tensas Ph.], Donnie Duffy [Town of Livingston], Patti Mizell [Catahoula Parish], C.J. Williams [City of Donaldsonville], Ray Kliebert [St. James Parish], Glen Couvillion [City of Alexandria]

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Margaret Broussard [City of Harahan], Mona Amy [City of Rayne], Marny Stein [St. Charles Parish], Melanie Brumfield [City of Denham Springs], David Hiegel [FEMA Region VI], Katelyn Schneida [N.O. Corps of Engineers], Rachel Perque [St. James Parish], Gary Beadle [City of Berwick], Michael Domingue [City of Franklin], Denise Mose [Town of Kinder]

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social & economic achievements of American workers.

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is known as the
PEACH CAPITAL
of LOUISIANA



COASTAL BENCHMARKS

Excerpts from a newspaper article written by Paul Courreges – The Advocate

“Federal survey crews are working in south Louisiana trying to set the record straight on how far above sea level the different areas of the coast are & how fast they are dropping.

Specific points of elevation, known as “*benchmarks*”, across the coastal area are out of date in many areas, meaning public projects such as highways or flood control areas, may not be built from accurate numbers.

Many of the benchmarks were set in the 1920s and updating has been something of a piecemeal process over time. . .

Tim Osborn, manager of regional operations for NOAA, said obtaining a set of accurate standardized elevation figures is important in planning everything from roads & schools to flood-walls & evacuation routes.

Osborn said the survey has seen evidence of the 3 theoretical causes of land loss:

Subsidence,

because the Mississippi River silt is no longer replenishing the coast as it once did.

Accelerated erosion of the coast

because of cutting of canals & subsidence from oil, gas and water having been drawn out from beneath the coast.

Subsidence,

because of tectonic action and faulting beneath the coast.

Different factors are having specific effects in various parts of the coast, and they are playing off and compounding each other, Osborn said.”

DMA2K Deadline Looms

Disaster Management Act of 2000

As a pre-condition of post-disaster assistance, states and local governments **must have FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans in place by November 1, 2004.** For disasters declared on or after this date, state mitigation plans will be required in order to receive non-emergency Stafford Act assistance, and local mitigation plans will be required in order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project grants.

The requirements for both state and local mitigation plans are detailed in an Interim Final Rule dated February 26, which implemented the mitigation planning section of the Disaster Management Act of 2000 (DMA2K).

Useful resources for the planning process include FEMA's mitigation planning "How-To" guides, which were designed to enhance hazard mitigation planning capabilities at the state and local levels.

- ➔ **Getting Started:** *Building Support for Mitigation Planning* (FEMA 386-1)
- ➔ **Understanding Your Risks:** *Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses* (FEMA 386-2)
- ➔ **Developing the Mitigation Plan:** *Identifying Mitigation Actions and Implementation Strategies* (FEMA 386-3)
- ➔ **Bringing the Plan to Life:** *Implementing the Hazard Mitigation Plan* (FEMA 386-4)
- ➔ **Integrating Manmade Hazards into Mitigation Planning** (FEMA 386-7)

These free guides are available on-line at: www.fema.gov/fima/planhowto.shtm

Printed copies are available through the FEMA Publication Distribution Center at **(800) 480-2520**.

FEMA's **Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance**, updated in March 2004, is available at: www.fema.gov/fima/planning_toc4.shtm

SUGGESTED STEPS in the PERMIT PROCESS

STEP 1 Permit official **determines new “development” location** by referring to the community Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM).

STEP 2 **What zone is the new development in?**

ZONE C, B or X

Zone “C”, “B” or “X” must be written on the permit.
The NFIP Program requires nothing further.

It is important to record the zone on *all* permits, even if the development is *outside* the Special Flood Hazard Area.

any ZONE A - a Special Flood Hazard Area
an Elevation Certificate is required

The owner hires a land surveyor or engineer to fill out the elevation certificate & returns it to your office to be filed with the permit.

STEP 3 The permit official must indicate the base flood elevation (bfe). [Shown as a number with a squiggly line on either side]

STEP 4 **an Unnumbered ZONE A** (no bfe is indicated)

Section 60.3(b)(4) of NFIP Regulations states:

Obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source, including data developed pursuant to the Flood Hazard Boundary Map and/or Flood Insurance Rate Map, as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A meet minimum standards of structure elevation to or above the base flood elevation.

. . .it is the responsibility of the community to *obtain, review and utilize the best available data*, from a reliable source to determine the bfe.

The community may:

- 1) Contact the Corps of Engineers designated for their area: Vicksburg Corps: 601/631-5089
New Orleans Corps: 504/862-2613
- 2) Use historical data (watermarks from past flooding and/or pictures taken during past flooding), or
- 3) Use USGS data (go to the website: www.usgs.gov for more information),

STEP 5 Check the Elevation Certificate for completeness and accuracy; making sure that the structure is at or above the bfe.

STEP 6 Keep a copy of issued permits and/or Elevation Certificates on file for FEMA inspection.



The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association
and Vidalia – “A City on the Move”
are sponsoring a Workshop



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 8, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.

CITY HALL MEETING ROOM – 101 N. SPRUCE ST.

VIDALIA, LOUISIANA

[You may make your own hotel reservations at Comfort Suites, 100 Front St., Vidalia (318) 336-1655]

AGENDA

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| 8:30 am | Coffee and Donuts | Demonstration on How to Read a FIRM |
| 9:00 am | Welcome | Honorable Hiram Copeland , Mayor of Vidalia |
| 9:05 am | Introduction | Rod Emmer , Executive Director - LFMA |
| 9:15 am | It's More Than Just A PERMIT | Darla Duet , LaFourche Parish Public Works |
| 9:35 am | Developing BFE;s In A Zones | Ted DeBaene , Vice President – Owen & White Engr., Inc. |
| 9:55 am | BREAK | |
| 10:05 am | Flood Mitigation \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ | Pam Mattingly , Asst. Planning Director - Calcasieu Parish |
| 10:20 am | CRS Program | Derhyl Hebert , Planning Director – City of Morgan City |
| 10:40 am | Floodplain Knowledge Can Make a Difference | Juanita Fowler , Planning Director – City of Natchitoches |
| 11:00 am | Discussion & Questions | Panel |
| 11:30 am | Adjourn | |
| 1:30 p.m. | CFM EXAM | |

For more information on the topics or CFM Exam, please contact: **Pam Mattingly** at pmattingly@cppj.net

Workshop Contact: **Kathy Martin (318) 336-5206**

**THE LFMA ANNOUNCES THAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE WORKSHOP the
Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) EXAM WILL BE OFFERED THE SAME DAY from 1:30-4:30 pm
DEADLINE TO REGISTER for the CFM Exam IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8th, 2004**

How to apply:

By the use of the internet, go to the ASFPM, Association of State Flood Plain Managers website, www.floods.org Click on “Certification” Next click on “Apply” Next click on “CFM Application” and download all of the forms. Fill out the forms and send into the ASFPM along with the fees.

NOTE: For Non-Members of the ASFPM the cost of the exam is \$300.00 dollars. If you join the ASFPM, which is \$80.00 dollars, the cost of the exam is only \$100.00 dollars. You will be saving \$120.00 by joining the ASFPM. By clicking on “the Organization” and then clicking “Join ASFPM” you can download the membership application.

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Free in Deployed Areas

Building the road to danger

With Taliban nearby, constructing route to Afghan city of Tarin Kowt a risky job for Guardsmen

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Culled mostly from the Louisiana and New York National Guard, a combat engineer task force has staked out a new bare-bones outpost about an hour north of Kandahar, Afghanistan, as it painstakingly constructs a road between Kandahar and Tarin Kowt, a Taliban stronghold. Although the outpost hasn't been attacked yet, leaders say it's only a matter of time. Above: Combat engineers stand guard during a convoy as mechanics fix a shredded tire. Left: Construction crews work on a new road through some of Afghanistan's most treacherous territory.

PHOTOS BY JON R. ANDERSON/Stars and Stripes

Former La. State Hazard Mitigation Officer **Mark Howard** is pictured atop a military vehicle keeping a “birdseye” view on things during a convoy movement.

Many Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development employees, as well as employees from other State agencies, local communities, and friends & family of employees have been activated and are now serving overseas .

Please keep all U.S. military personnel in your thoughts and prayers.



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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