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## NFIP/CRS Corner

*A HEADS UP  
ON REVERIFICATION  
CYCLE VISITS FOR  
FY 2015*

Nine CRS communities will be receiving a reverification cycle visit during fiscal year (FY) 2015. The purpose of this visit is to determine if the community has been accomplishing the requirements of the activities for which they applied.

If you are due for a visit, it will be out of the new 2013 CRS Coordinator's Manual. You should review the new CRS manual to familiarize yourself with the new changes, and to determine what paperwork will be needed for the reverification. Certain activities require information for the previous five years (ex: Activities 310, 320, 330, 360, 540)

The following CRS communities are due for a reverification cycle visit during our next fiscal year (FY) 2015:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Baker                   | Rayne              |
| Calcasieu Parish        | St. Charles Parish |
| East Baton Rouge Parish | St. James Parish   |
| Lafayette               | Tangipahoa Parish  |
| Lafayette Parish        |                    |

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# Change My Flood Zone Designation

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If a property owner thinks their property has been inadvertently mapped in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), they may submit a request to FEMA for a [Letter of Map Change](#) (LOMC). An SFHA is defined as the area that will be inundated by the flood event having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. A LOMC reflects an official revision/amendment to an effective FIRM. If the LOMC request is granted, property owners may be eligible for lower flood insurance premiums or the option to not purchase flood insurance.

Applicants can use the [Online LOMC](#) tool to easily request a [Letter of Map Amendment](#) (LOMA) online. A LOMA is a letter from FEMA stating that an existing structure or parcel of land—which is on naturally high ground and has not been elevated by fill—would not be inundated by the 1-percent annual chance flood. The Online LOMC tool is available to any applicant who would like to submit a LOMA request directly to FEMA and does not require a surveyor or engineer to submit. Users can submit LOMA requests through this tool instead of filing the MT-EZ paper form via mail. Learn more through the [Online LOMC homepage](#).

Licensed professional land surveyors (PLS) and professional engineers (PE) (licensed professionals) also can use the eLOMA, another web-based application, to submit simple LOMA requests to FEMA. This tool is designed to make a determination based on the information submitted by the licensed professional and allow them to generate a determination from FEMA in minutes. The eLOMA enables licensed professionals to make requests for existing single residential structures or properties, provided no fill has been placed to raise the elevations of the structure or property. For more information on the eLOMA, visit the [eLOMA website](#) or read the [eLOMA fact sheet](#).



## FY 2014 PDM & FMA Selection Notification

FEMA has completed its review of applications received for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant cycle and has posted the disposition, also known as the status, of the applications on the FEMA website.

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FEMA will *not* send notification letters to each applicant regarding their FY 2014 applications. Rather, applicants should review the status of their applications online:

The disposition of FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation applications can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/pdm-fy14-subapplication-status>.

The disposition of FY 2014 Flood Mitigation Assistance applications can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/fma-fy14-subapplication-status>.

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HMA Home Page: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>

FEMA Regional Offices: <http://www.fema.gov/regional-operations>

FEMA State Hazard Mitigation Officers: <http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers>

HMA Helpline: 866.222.3580

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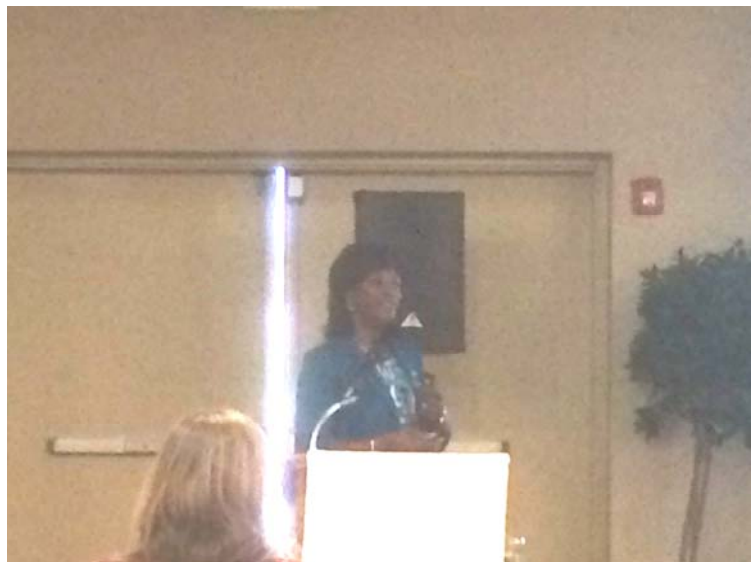


**The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association  
Fall Workshop was held in Shreveport, LA on October 17, 2014**



Alex Guillory , CFM with CH Fenstermaker & Assoc. spoke about **Encroachment Analysis for Development in the Floodway**

Juanita Fowler, CFM with the City of Natchitoches spoke about the **Role of the Floodplain Administrator.**



Other speakers not pictured were Carrie Robinette, CFM, with the Rapides Area Planning Commission , who spoke about **Mitigation Planning & Grants.** Melissa Becker, CFM, with the Rapides Area Planning

Commission, James Demouchet, CFM, with the Caddo Parish Commission, and Toby Fruge',CFM with Owen & White, Inc. , were on a panel about **How to Handle BFEs in Zone A .**



# Save the Date



The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will host the 2015 Louisiana Floodplain Management Annual Conference. The Theme is .....

**Bayou Country—  
SAVE the Boot.**

## **The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association 32nd Annual Technical & Business Conference**

April 8 - April 10, 2015

The location will be at the Courtyard Marriott  
located at 142 Library Drive, Houma, LA 70360

Details will be posted to the LFMA website as they become  
available: [www.lfma.org](http://www.lfma.org)

**Announcement:** Congratulations to Mark Lujan, CFM, ANFI, with FEMA Region VI. He has accepted a position as the new Senior Regional Insurance Specialist. His contact information is:

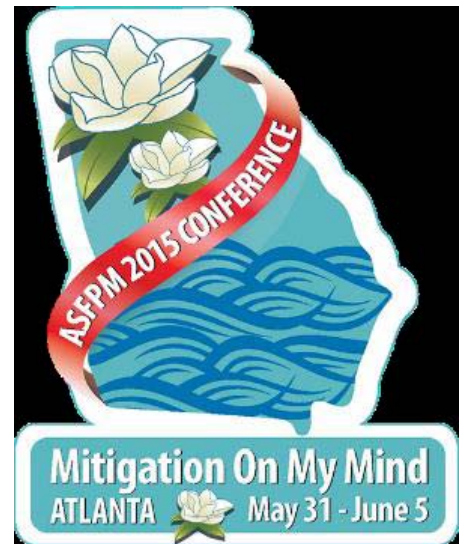
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## Mitigation on my Mind!

*ASFPM's 39th Annual National Conference, May 31-June 5, 2015*



## Community Trivia

Port Barre is a town in St. Landry Parish. The town began in 1760 as an Indian trading post at the place where Bayou Courtableau flows into Bayou Teche.



# FPM Question and Answer

## Floodplain Manager Question:

A customer called inquiring about a flood zone determination today. His insurance company said that he is not in a flood zone, but his mortgage company said that he is in a flood zone, so, he called me.

I read that if a building is attached to another by a covered breezeway it is a separate structure.

While the actual house is not located in the flood zone; The open carport attached by a breezeway is located in flood zone AE.

My question is ; Would this home be located in the flood zone since it is attached by a covered breezeway to the carport that does fall in the flood zone?

## Answer:

The insurance specialist said it makes the whole structure in the flood zone.

While the carport and house do not share a common wall they share the same roof line for compliance purposes. For insurance purposes, the house is above base flood elevation (bfe) and the garage is not. Two policies can be rated differently.



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

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