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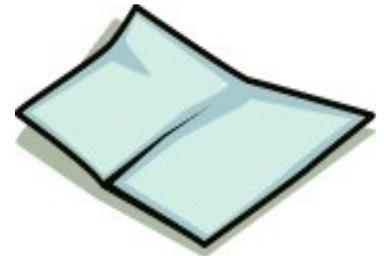
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## The 4-1-1 on 310

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This column explores issues related to a community's successful implementation of CRS Activity 310 (Elevation Certificates).*

### SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPPING ELEVATION CERTIFICATES FOR YOUR 2018 CYCLE VERIFICATION

As you have read over the past two newsletters, CRS Activity 310 (Elevation Certificates) is undergoing a bit of a change. During the fall of 2017, the CRS implemented a staggered recertification schedule throughout the country and introduced the CRS world to our new Resource Specialists, who handle all the recertifications. Elevation Certificates submitted through the recertification process are now being reviewed by our Resource Specialists. Beginning January 1, 2018, they also will review Elevation Certificates that are part of your cycle verification.

You will continue to work with your ISO/CRS Specialist to make sure the Permit List and the Elevation Certificates you submit match up, but then they will be transferred to our Resource Specialists for processing. A report will be returned to you showing any errors, freeboard levels, enclosure sizes, and possible non-compliance issues, if any. If less than 90% of your Elevation Certificates are accurate and complete, you will work with the Resource Specialist to resolve the issues. **Remember, this 90% rule is a Class 9 prerequisite, and if not met, may result in your community's being retrograded to a Class 10.** Your ISO/CRS Specialist will be brought into the discussion if there are any serious issues that may have an impact on your classification or ability to remain in the CRS.

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# NFIP/CRS Corner (cont...)



Continue to submit the cycle documentation to your ISO/CRS Specialist as you usually do, but after January 1, 2018, know that the Elevation Certificates that are part of your cycle verification will be forwarded to our Resource Specialists for processing. Remember, you are still required to submit the Elevation Certificates along with the Permit List two months before your verification visit. For guidance on how to scan and submit the Elevation Certificates and Permit Lists, please see the underlined section in the article below. We also strongly suggest you review our guidance document on preparing your Permit List, along with a suggested “Permit List Template” on the CRS Resources website. If you have any questions about this new process, please contact your ISO/CRS Specialist. ≡ ≡ ≡

*(Taken from the October/November 2017 Issue of the NFIP/CRS UPDATE)*

## ***Elevation Certificate Reminders***

At recertification time, the review of your Elevation Certificates is a courtesy review only, and is intended to help you see what common errors you may have on your Elevation Certificates, or to verify that they are all correct. You are given this review so you may go back and correct all your Elevation Certificates and have them ready for your next cycle verification.

The score for your Elevation Certificates is based on the first review we do during your cycle verification. If your correctness rate is below 90%, then we ask you to correct all your Elevation Certificates and we’ll review them again to see if you meet the 90% requirement. Subsequent reviews will not raise your score, but you do have to correct the Elevation Certificates until you reach the 90% threshold required for staying in the CRS.

If you are submitting Elevation Certificates digitally, please try to scan them at 300 dpi in black and white. This resolution performs best when we need to work with them.

Here are some of the most common errors the CRS Team sees on Elevation Certificates:

- ◆ The Elevation Certificates do not match up to the Permit List that was submitted.
- ◆ The wrong building diagram number has been entered in A7.
- ◆ A wrong (or no) community name or number has been entered in B1.
- ◆ Only the panel number has been entered in B4, instead of the whole map number.
- ◆ Datums do not match up or conversion notes are not included in B11 and C2.
- ◆ The elevation for machinery/equipment has not been entered in C2e.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that all Elevation Certificates prepared/dated after January 2017 must be on the latest Elevation Certificate form, available on the FEMA website. ≡ ≡ ≡



# CTP UPDATE



## LADOTD is the state COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNER (CTP) for Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (RiskMAP) in FEMA REGION VI

On March 11, 2015, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) signed a partnership agreement with FEMA Region VI to become a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) for Risk MAP. This program is managed by Susan Veillon under the direction of the State Coordinator, Cindy O'Neal, for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which resides in the LADOTD Public Works/Water Resources Section within the Engineering Division.

LADOTD selected Dewberry Consultants, LLC through an open solicitation process. Ms. Jerri Daniels is the CTP Project Manager for Dewberry Consultants, LLC. The Consultant will assist LADOTD in the CTP activities as stipulated in the contract.

Since becoming a CTP with FEMA Region VI, LADOTD has been diligently planning and working with FEMA Region VI toward the release of updated flood risk information for Louisiana. LADOTD has made a significant investment in a prioritization tool which is used for prioritizing projects in Louisiana. Dewberry has developed a geospatial tool, the **Project Prioritization Tool Decision Tool** for LADOTD which allows us to efficiently and effectively prioritize and select projects based on key criteria like;

1. FEMA's Risk MAP metrics
2. Meeting specific needs to address known flood risk concerns
3. Knowing where communities have conducted flood studies or produced other relevant data that can be used as leverage and count toward cash-match contributions
4. Knowing which communities are at risk
5. Knowing where the most current LiDAR data exist in Louisiana

The final result is a project ranking list that best addresses the key criteria using the user's selected preferences.

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# CTP UPDATE (CONT...)



To date these are the FEMA funded CTP projects and their status:

## Year One Projects: FY 16

<u>Project Type, Watershed</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
Castor and Little Watershed - Within the limits of LaSalle Parish	Approximate A and limited detailed study	On going
Bayou Sara Thompson Watershed	Phase 1, Discovery	On going

## Year Two Projects: FY 17

Phase 1, Bayou Teche Watershed	Discovery	TBD
Phase 1, Tickfaw Watershed	Discovery	TBD
Phase 1, Tangipahoa Watershed	Discovery	TBD
Phase 1, Liberty Bayou/ Tchefuncta Watershed	Discovery	TBD
Phase 1, Amite Watershed	Discovery	TBD
West Carroll Parish, Special Project, Flood Information Guide	Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies (COMS)	TBD

Submitted by: Susan Veillon == =

# SAVE THE DATES



**June 17—22, 2018**

**ASFPM's 42nd Annual  
National Conference  
Phoenix, Arizona**

Please visit [www.asfpmconference.org](http://www.asfpmconference.org) for  
more information



## **LFMA's 35th Annual State Conference**

**Natchitoches Events Center  
Natchitoches, Louisiana  
April 24-27, 2018**

For more information please visit [www.lfma.org](http://www.lfma.org)



Cindy, Pam, Susan, and Jenn

would like to wish you all a



*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year*

## COMMUNITY TRIVIA

### ***NATCHITOCHEs' CHRISTMAS SEASON***



Named after a Native American tribe, Natchitoches is the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase Territory. Since 1927 we are also home to one of the oldest community-based holiday celebrations in the country. Starting as a one day festival, the celebration has evolved into a six-week long Christmas Season. Begins on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and concludes January the 6th, the Epiphany. Over 300,000 lights and 100 plus set pieces are on display every night at dusk. Fireworks are held every Saturday throughout the Season as well as events to be enjoyed by every age. The Natchitoches Christmas Season has been listed as a "Top 100 Events in North America" by the American Bus Association for numerous years and has also been honored as one of the "Top 20 Events" for December on six occasions by the Southeast Tourism Society. In 2013, it was ranked 3rd "Best Holiday Light Show" behind the Rockefeller Center and Disney World in the nation by Yahoo.com.



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