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## CRS Corner

The CRS — QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Taken from the NFIP/CRS UPDATE , February 2014

### Retention of Records

**Q** Is there a federal code regulation citation where this change [retaining building permits for 5 years] in the CRS parameter is highlighted, other than the April 2013 CRS Coordinator's Manual?

**A** There is no particular citation to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for the CRS records retention requirements. The CRS Coordinator's Manual contains all program requirements. As you know, the CRS is a voluntary program under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and the requirements of the CRS only apply to communities that choose to participate and not to all communities in the NFIP.

The requirement in the 2013 CRS Coordinator's Manual that communities maintain/retain records is not a new requirement. Page 110-4 of the 2007 Coordinator's Manual says that a CRS community's responsibilities include

- Maintaining elevation certificates, other permit records, and old Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) forever, and
- Maintaining other records of its activities for five years, or until the next verification visit, whichever comes sooner.

Page 110-9 of the 2013 Coordinator's Manual says a community's obligation is

- Keeping elevation certificates, old FIRMs, and old Flood Insurance Studies for as long as the community is in the CRS; and
- Keeping the records iterated in the activities' documentation sections until they are reviewed at the verification visit.

The five-year period relates to the periodic verification of a CRS community's floodplain management program. Most CRS communities receive a cycle verification visit from an ISO/CRS

Specialist (FEMA's contractor) every five years. Communities with higher/better CRS ratings may be visited every three years. Since the start of the CRS, communities have been required to maintain records from their current cycle visit until their next cycle visit to enable the ISO/CRS Specialist to examine their program implementation. ≡ ≡ ≡

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## **Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper is now Available on line**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has released an interactive Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) Mapper (beta version). The online mapper can be used to help property owners, project proponents, Government Officials, and other stakeholders determine whether properties or project sites may be affected by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA). For more information

<http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Mapper.html>



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### ***NOTICE!! NOTICE!!***

*This is a note for ALL Floodplain Administrators and/or Managers. If a violation has been found and brought to your attention, YOU, as the community”, are responsible for making sure this violation is brought to compliance, no matter when the structure was built, permitted or not.*



APRIL IS FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH  
IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.



## The Premier Flood Conference

Join nearly 1,200 of the nation's floodplain managers June 1 - 6, 2014, at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington as we pilot improvements in flood risk management and national policy.

Government Officials, planners, engineers, consultants, watershed managers, flood protection product vendors, educators, and others will gather for the most comprehensive floodplain management conference in the world. Participants interact, exchange ideas, make contacts, form partnerships, and prepare for a more sustainable future for flood damage reduction.

### Baton Rouge History

In 1699, French explorers discovered the area where Baton Rouge is now located. D'Iberville's writings refer to the area, as Istrouma or Red Stick, which when translated into French becomes Baton Rouge. Records of D'Iberville describe large reddened poles erected by Indians with fish and bear heads attached in sacrifice. These may have designated boundaries at a point separating the hunting grounds of the Bayou Goula and the Houma Indian tribes .

For Information about joining the Louisiana Floodplain  
Management Association go to: [www.lfma.org](http://www.lfma.org).

## **Attention Floodplain Administrators**

Please provide our office with any updates to your contact information.

You can email it to :

[susan.veillon@la.gov](mailto:susan.veillon@la.gov).

### FEMA P-936, Floodproofing Non- Residential Buildings

This new publication, which was released in August, reflects the latest information on floodproofing retrofits for non-residential structures, and provides guidance on floodproofing existing non-residential buildings in riverine areas subject to shallow flooding and coastal areas not subject to wave action.

FEMA P-936 focuses primarily on dry floodproofing, which is making a structure watertight below the expected flood level. It also provides an overview of other flood protection measures that can be used in conjunction with or independent of dry floodproofing, including wet floodproofing, floodwalls, levees, utility protection and other mitigation efforts.

### FEMA Online Change Requests for Property's Flood Zone Designation

FEMA has launched a new way to submit a request to change the property's flood zone designation. With the Online Letter of Map Change (LOMC), property owners seeking a LOMC may now request a change over the web as well as by U.S. Mail.

# Suggested Steps on the Permit Process

Step 1

Permit Official determines new “development”  **flood zone** by referring to the effective community Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)

Step 2

What zone is the new development in?

**Zone C, B, X or Shaded X**

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

**Any Zone A** A Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)

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

Step 3

The permit official must indicate the base flood elevation (bfe) on the permit. The base flood elevation is shown as a number with a squiggly line on either side.

*The property owner hires a land surveyor or engineer to fill out the elevation certificate and returns it to your office to be filed*

Step 4

An unnumbered A Zone (no base flood indicated on FIRM)

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

Obtain, review & reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source, including data developed pursuant to your community’s flood mapping, 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:

Contact the Corps of Engineers designated for their area : New Orleans Corps: 504-862-2906

Vicksburg Corps: 601-631-5008

Use historical data

Use USGS data (go to the website : [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov) for more information)

Step 5

Check the Elevation Certificate for completeness and accuracy; making sure 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.

LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, 31<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TECHNICAL & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

April 30 – May 2, 2014

Lake Charles, Louisiana

*Don't Procrastinate! Mitigate!'*

L'Auberge Resort and Casino – (337) 395-7777 or (866) 580-7444

777 Avenue L'Auberge Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601

**Schedule of Events:**

**TUESDAY – APRIL 29, 2014**

6:00 PM Board Meeting (Invitation Only)

**WEDNESDAY – APRIL 30, 2014**

7:30 - 12:30 **Open Space Tech Tour – National Golf Club of Louisiana, 1400 National Drive, Westlake, LA70669 (337) 433-2255**

*Register with Wayne Berggren, CFM (985)373-1856*

10:00 – 3:00 **REGISTRATION**

*Conference Center Promenade*

**SESSION I Ballrooms A & B**

1:30 – 2:00 **Welcome, Calcasieu PJ President**

*The Hon. Dennis Scott  
Darla Duet, CFM; LFMA Chairwoman  
Ted Debaene, LFMA Executive Director*

2:00 – 3:00 **Jerri Daniels CFM– Dewberry Consultants**

*Educating your Community on Risk*

3:00 – 3:15 **B R E A K – Exhibits Open - Promenade**

3:15 – 4:00 **Pat Skinner – LSU Ag Center**

*New LSU Mapping Portal and more*

4:00 – 4:30 **Mary Danka, PE - CBI**

*I.N.H.C. Surge Barrier*

4:30 – 5:00 **Catlin Berni – GNO, Inc**

*Update on BW12 Activity*

5:30 **Welcome Reception – Poolside Area**

*Wine, Cheese, and light snacks  
(Wear ID Badge for Admission)*

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

**THURSDAY – MAY 1, 2014**

**SESSION II Ballrooms D & E**

7:30 – 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 - 12:00 **Registration / Exhibit Opens**

8:00 – 8:30 **David Heigel CFM – FEMA Region VI**

*FEMA and BW12*

8:30 – 9:00 **Jaye Hendricks CFM – FEMA Region VI**

*Compliance Issues in Louisiana*

9:00 – 10:00 **Matt Dubois CFM– FEMA Region VI**

*Mapping Issues in Louisiana*

10:00 – 10:15 **B R E A K – Exhibits - Promenade**

10:15 - 11:15 **Jeffery Giering CFM –State Hazard Mitigation Officer**

*HMGP and the State of Louisiana Update*

11:15 - 11:45 **Hon. Billy Nungesser- President, Plaquemines Parish**

*Plaquemines Parish Coastal Plan*

12:00 – 1:45

**Awards Luncheon - Ballrooms A & B**

*Host: Darla Duet, CFM– LFMA Chairwoman*

*Speaker: Hon. Randy Roach,  
Mayor of Lake Charles*

**SESSION III**

**Ballrooms D & E**

2:00 - 3:00

**Monica Farris CFM – UNO CHART**

*Repetitive Loss Portal Update*

3:00 – 4:00

**Alex Guillory CFM - Fenstermaker**

*TBA*

5:00

**LFMA Party Time at TOULOULOU'S**

*(Food, Spirits, Music, and Friends)*

**FRIDAY – MAY 2, 2014**

**SESSION IV**

**Sycamore Room**

8:00 – 8:30

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:00

**Rob Cameron – State Farm**

*Insurance Effects of NFIP to Calcasieu*

9:00 – 9:30

**Jeane Arceneaux – Fenstermaker**

*Survey and Elevation Techniques*

9:30 - 10:00

**Brian Daschbach – Smart Vent**

*FEMA Technical Bulletin TB-1*

10:00 - 10:30

**General Business Meeting**

**Election of Regional Representatives**

*Dana Guidry CFM, Conference Chair*

10:30 – 11:00

**2014 Conference Wrap Up**

*Darla Duet CFM– LFMA Chair*

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:00 – 4:00

**CFM Exam, Magnolia Room**

*Terri Hawes, CFM - Proctor*

*(Pre-registered applicants only)*

**(Registration must be made through the ASFPM by April 22, 2014 contact Anita**

**FOR CONFERENCE QUESTIONS CONTACT:**

Conference Chair: [Dana Guidry, CFM \(337\) 721-3600](mailto:Dana.Guidry@cppj.net)

[dguidry@cppj.net](mailto:dguidry@cppj.net)

Program Chair: [Michael Hunnicutt, CFM \(504\) 278-4223](mailto:Michael.Hunnicutt@sbpg.net)

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**DIRECTIONS: National Golf Club of Louisiana – Exit 27**

*from I-10, follow Sampson St. North to John Stine Rd, left onto John Stine Rd, take to Louisiana Way, right on Louisiana Way, intersects with National Drive.*

**Thursday Night Social – TouLouLou's** - located directly to the rear of the Hotel on the Beach Area.



**L.F.M.A. - Official Registration Form**

**2014 Annual Conference**

**April 30 – May 2, 2014**

**Lake Charles, Louisiana**

**Please print or type**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY/ST/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRM:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:**            **CFM**            **P.L.S.**            **P.E.**            **(CHECK)**

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES:** Conference Packet, Luncheon, Wine & Cheese Reception, and Cookout.

Registration (Please check all that apply)            \* Special Diet's - Please provide details on this form.

**Members**            \_\_\_\_\_ **\$150.00 (Due April 11, 2014)**

**Non Members**            \_\_\_\_\_ **\$180.00 (includes membership)**

**One Day**            \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 90.00 (Thursday only)**

**Spouse**            \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 25.00**

**Late Registration**            \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 160.00 member (After April 11, 2014)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 190.00 non- member**

**Tech Tour (Golf)**            \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 40.00**

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ **\_\_\_\_\_ Check box if a receipt is needed.**

**Make check payable to Louisiana Floodplain Management Association**

**Mail Registration Fee and this Form to:**

**LFMA 2014 Conference—Attn: Dana Guidry**

**Calcasieu Parish Police Jury**

**1015 Pithon Street, 3rd Floor**

**Lake Charles, LA 70601**

**E-mail: [dguidry@cppj.net](mailto:dguidry@cppj.net)**

**(337) 721-3600**

**CFM Exam:**

**May 2, 2014, 1:00 pm**

**Contact: ASFPM Website**

**[www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org) or call**

**Anita Larson 608-828-3000**

**LFMA Website: <http://www.lfma.org>**

**Conference Hotel Reservations please contact:**

L'Auberge Resort and Casino

777 Avenue L'Auberge, Lake Charles, LA 70601

LFMA Special Room Rate of \$119.00 (Group Code: SLFMA4) Phone: 337-395-7777 (Call before 4/8/2014)

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La Quinta Inn 337-478-9889



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