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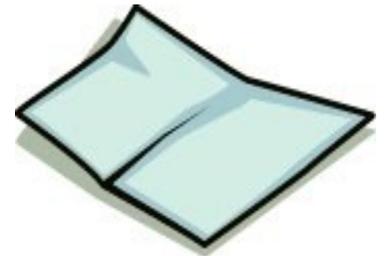
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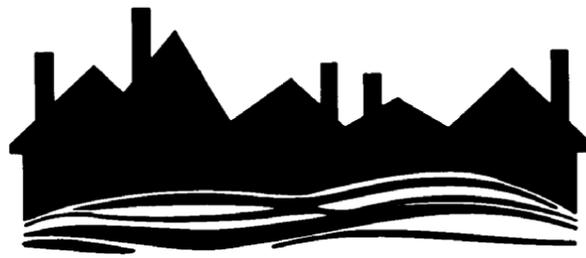
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NFIP/ CRS Corner

New Centralized Review Process

Later this year, the CRS will begin a new “centralized review” process for the examination of Elevation Certificates and annual recertification documentation. These changes will improve verification and free up time for ISO/CRS Specialists to work directly with communities on other CRS matters.

Annual Recertifications

All CRS communities are required to recertify annually—this won’t change. However, beginning this fall, recertification deadline dates will vary by state. Please see the table/chart on the next page for Louisiana’s new date. You are not required to submit annual recertification for 2017, but the 2018 recertification will be due on August 1st.

Two new “ISO/CRS Resource Specialists,” Keith Harper and Christina Turpin, will send communities their recertification packet 45 days before their due date and will work with communities throughout the process. In addition, your ISO/CRS Specialist is always available to provide additional assistance and will be included on almost all correspondence.

Communities that have cycled under the 2013 and 2017 CRS Coordinator’s Manuals are required to submit a permit list with their annual recertification [[see related article on page 4](#)] along with all Elevation Certificates collected for the previous year. A “Permit List Template” and “Permit List Instructions Page,” found on the [CRS Resources website](#), will help you submit your Elevation Certificates properly. Communities that have not yet cycled under either the 2013 or 2017 Coordinator’s Manual will continue to submit a sample of five Elevation Certificates.

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Elevation Certificates with Annual Recertifications

Note that at your community's annual recertification, the centralized review of Elevation Certificates is a COURTESY REVIEW to identify problems with the Elevation Certificates and help you catch mistakes in the future. The results are sent to the community, with a copy going to your ISO/CRS Specialist. The 90% threshold for correctness must be met ONLY at the cycle verification visit, so approval of your annual recertification will not be affected if the courtesy review of Elevation Certificates revealed some errors. However, we strongly encourage you to correct any identified errors on your Elevation Certificates before your next verification visit.

Elevation Certificates with Cycle Verifications

Elevation Certificates will be reviewed by the ISO/CRS Resource Specialists at cycle verification visits beginning January 1, 2018. You will work with your ISO/CRS Specialist to make sure the permit list and Elevation Certificates match up, but the actual review of the Elevation Certificates will be done by your ISO/CRS Resource Specialist who handles your annual recertification. Again, there will be communication among you, your ISO/CRS Specialist, and your ISO/CRS Resource Specialist to help your community meet its 90% Elevation Certificate verification threshold.

We are looking forward to this new venture in CRS and anticipate a smooth transition. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your ISO/CRS Specialist. ≡ ≡ ≡

(Taken from the June/July 2017 Issue of the NFIP/CRS UPDATE)

CRS Annual Recertification Schedule	
CC-213 Recertification and Required Documentation Due to ISO By:	
Louisiana Communities	3rd Quarter August 1
Annual Recertification Information Distributed to Community By:	
June 15	

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The 4-1-1 on 310

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here we begin a regular column dedicated to exploring issues related to a community's successful implementation of CRS Activity 310 (Elevation Certificates).

About Lists for Permits

Both the 2013 and 2017 Coordinator's Manuals require that, at least 60 days before a verification visit, your community submit to your ISO/CRS Specialist a list of all permits issued for new buildings and substantial improvements in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) since the last cycle verification visit. At a minimum, that list must include

- Address of each building;
- The type of building (e.g., residential, commercial, etc.);
- The building's FIRM Zone;
- Whether it's a new building or substantial improvement;
- Date of the permit; and
- Whether the permit is final or not.

Once your ISO/CRS Specialist reviews this list, you will be asked to submit copies of 30 Elevation Certificates that correspond to buildings on your permit list. (If you have 30 or fewer, you submit all of them.)

The permit list must be accurate so that ISO can determine exactly which Elevation Certificates should be reviewed for Elevation Certificate (EC) credit under Activity 310 (and for the Class 9 prerequisite). It has been difficult for some communities to understand what is needed because floodplain permits often cover a multitude of development components (buildings, fences, fill, electrical systems, plumbing, etc.)—and some of those components obviously do not require Elevation Certificates.

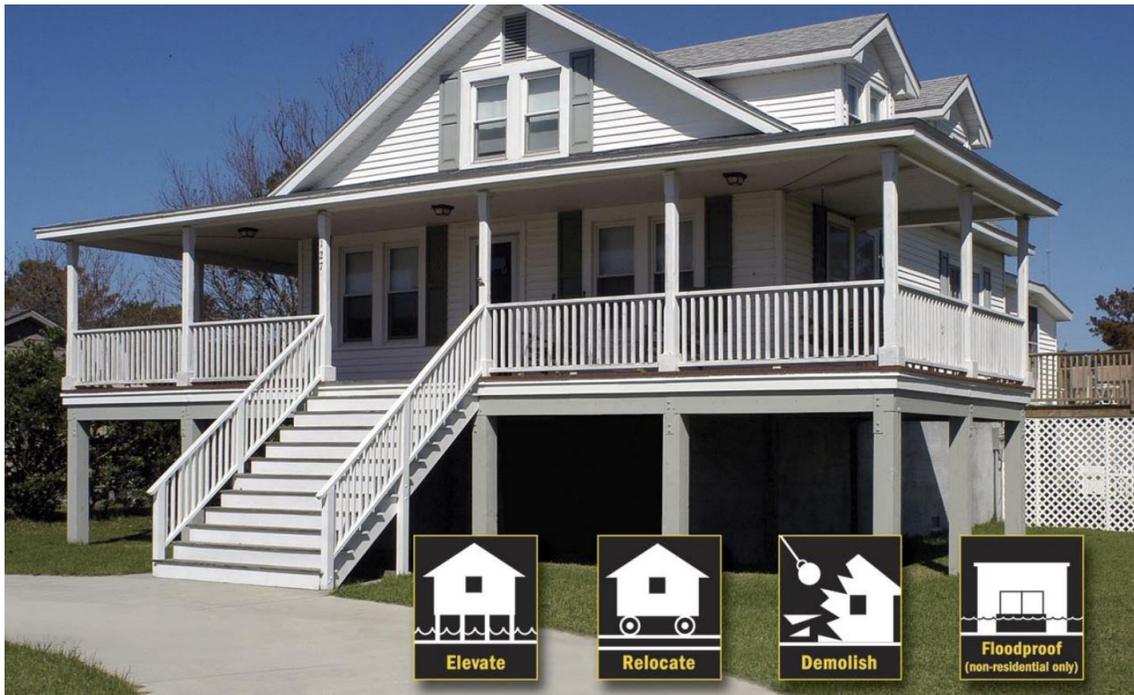
We only need you to list the permits for which Elevation Certificates were required since the date of your last verification visit. You should also be able to tell us which of those permits have “finished construction” Elevation Certificates on file and which do not.

Some communities have had trouble manipulating the format of their permit list to show exactly what data the Coordinator's Manual is requiring. To help communities with this, we have created the “310 Permit List Template,” which can be found on the [CRS Resources website](#). It is an Excel® template showing the minimum information your ISO/CRS Specialist needs to see on the permit list. You may choose to use this template and record your “Elevation Certificate-only” permits in it, or you can incorporate the information (columns) we are looking for into your current permitting system. You are not required to use this template, but it is a very good guide to what needs to be on your permit list.

We have also created a two-page “Instructions Page” that explains the template and how to submit your permit list and Elevation Certificates. It will answer many of your questions about what type of SFHA development we are looking for, what Elevation Certificates are needed, the required attachments, and how to submit both electronically and via hard copy. **If you still have any questions, please contact your ISO/CRS Specialist. = = =**

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Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage



When To File An Increased Cost Of Compliance Claim

You may file a claim for your Increased Cost of Compliance coverage (ICC) in two instances:

1. If your community determines that your home or business is damaged by flood to the point that repairs will cost 50 percent or more of the building's pre-damage market value. This is called substantial damage.
2. If your community has a repetitive loss provision in its floodplain management ordinance and determines that your home or business was damaged by a flood two times in the past 10 years, where the cost of repairing the flood damage, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of its market value at the time of each flood. This is called repetitive damage. Additionally, there must have been flood insurance claim payments for each of the two flood losses.

How Much Coverage Is Available

Flood insurance policyholders in high-risk areas, also known as special flood hazard areas, can get up to \$30,000 to help pay the costs to bring their home or business into compliance with their community's floodplain ordinance.

Four Options Covered— There are four options you can take to comply with your community's floodplain management ordinance and help you reduce future flood damage. You may decide which of these options is best for you.

1. *Elevation.* This raises your home or business to or above the flood elevation level adopted by your community.
2. *Relocation.* This moves your home or business out of harm's way.
3. *Demolition.* This tears down and removes flood-damaged buildings.
4. *Floodproofing.* This option is available primarily for non-residential buildings. It involves making a building watertight through a combination of adjustments or additions of features to the building that reduces the potential for flood damage.

For more information on ICC coverage, call your insurance company or agent, or call the NFIP toll-free at 1-800-427-4661. TDD# 1-800-427-5593.

LFMA WORKSHOP REGISTRATION



2017 FALL WORKSHOP:

Post-Disaster Code Enforcement Training

DATE: Friday, October 6, 2017

LOCATION: Prien Lake Park (Sabine Room), Lake Charles

TIME: 8:00 am — 12:00 noon

\$25.00 fee for non-LFMA Members

PLEASE MAIL OR E-MAIL THIS FORM BY

October 2, 2017 TO:

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****CFM Exam** will be offered following the workshop at 1:00 pm. Register directly through ASFPM at www.floods.org. Deadline to register for the CFM exam is September 22, 2017.**



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