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TO: Write Your Own Principal Coordinators  
NFIP Servicing Agent

SUBJECT: Increased Cost of Compliance and Advisory Base Flood Elevations

Last year, FEMA provided details about the development of advisory base flood elevations (ABFEs) to better apply Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) benefits (W-05081, 11/18/05). Specifically, if a community adopts and enforces FEMA-provided ABFEs, then ICC benefits will be available in those communities to elevate buildings to the new ABFEs instead of the BFEs provided on the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

The attached documents list the communities in Mississippi and Louisiana, by County or Parish, that have adopted ABFEs or freeboard requirements or a combination of both. The documents include Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Summaries for both the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Louisiana Parishes, along with the locations/addresses for the affected community Floodplain Management Maps (FIRMs).

We believe that the Summaries are largely self explanatory. You will note that some of the adoptions will not go into effect until some time in the near future. If rebuilding is done before that time, then the existing BFEs are in effect, which means that there are no BFEs to enforce in B, C, X, or D zones.

Following are some highlights concerning the notations in the Summaries:

- ABFEs outside the SFHA have been adopted      Adjuster will need to consult the ABFE maps at the locations mentioned above. ABFEs outside the SFHA indicate that there are new requirements in formerly B, C, X, or D zones.
- Still negotiating with city officials, no vote yet, to be decided      The ABFE has not yet been adopted; therefore the existing FIRM +1 foot of freeboard, is still in effect.
- Also adopted +14 feet elevation in a designated Community Hazard Area (D'Irberville box)      ICC will not be available in that area.

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Please note that if a claim has been denied because the ABFEs were not yet in effect, the claim must be reviewed in light of the newly adopted elevations.

As new actions are taken by the communities, we will continue to notify you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Shortley". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

James Shortley  
Director of Claims  
Mitigation Division

Attachments

cc: Vendors  
Institute for Business and Home Safety  
Flood Insurance Producers National Committee  
FEMA Technical Representative

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**Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Summary, Louisiana Parishes\***

<b>Calcasieu Parish</b>	<b>Adopted ABFEs inside and outside SFHA</b>
<b>Cameron Parish</b>	<b>Adopted ABFEs inside and outside SFHA</b>
<b>Vermillion Parish</b>	<b>Adopted ABFEs inside and outside SFHA</b>

\* There are several Parishes that are currently in the adoption process.

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**Locations of LA Community Floodplain Management ABFE Maps**

**Floodplain Administrator Permit Offices**

**Calcasieu Parish**

**Pam Mattingly  
1015 Pithon Street  
Lake Charles, LA 70601  
337-721-3600**

**Cameron Parish**

**Tina Horn  
110 Smith Circle  
Cameron, LA 70631  
337-775-5718 ext 115**

**Vermillion Parish**

**Linda Duhon  
100 N. State Street Ste. 200  
(Courthouse)  
Abbeville, LA 70510  
337-898-4300 ext. 110**

### Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Summary, Mississippi Gulf Coast Communities

County	Community	Current Ordinance as of 05/19/06	Scheduled Action
Hancock	Bay St. Louis	Existing FIRM + 4 feet freeboard	
	Hancock County	Existing FIRM	Add +4 feet freeboard on 07/01/06
	Waveland	Existing FIRM + 4 feet freeboard	
Harrison	Biloxi	Existing FIRM + 1 foot freeboard	To consider adopting additional +3 feet of freeboard in the SFHA on 05/23.06
	D'Iberville	ABFEs north of Interstate Hwy 10, and Existing FIRM +4 feet freeboard (V zones only), and Existing FIRM +3 feet freeboard (A zones only). Also, adopted + 14 feet elevation in a designated Community Flood Hazard Area.	
	Gulfport	Existing FIRM + 1 foot freeboard	Still negotiating with City Officials, no vote yet, to be decided.
	Harrison County	Existing FIRM + 4 feet freeboard and ABFEs outside SFHA.	
	Long Beach	Existing FIRM + 3 feet freeboard and ABFEs outside SFHA.	
	Pass Christian	Existing FIRM + 1 foot freeboard	Still negotiating with City Officials, no vote yet, to be decided.
Jackson	Gautier	Existing FIRM + 5 feet freeboard and ABFEs outside SFHA.	
	Jackson County	Existing FIRM + 4 feet freeboard and ABFEs outside SFHA.	
	Moss Point	ABFEs in their entirety	
	Ocean Springs	Existing FIRM + 1 foot freeboard and ABFEs outside SFHA, whichever is greater	
	Pascagoula	Existing FIRM	Adopt ABFEs in their entirety on 06/01/06

## Locations of MS Community Floodplain Management Maps

County	Community	Community Building Permit Offices
Hancock	Bay St. Louis	Building Official 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Amtrak Station Building Bay St. Louis, MS 228-469-0531
	Hancock County	Building Permit Office, Trailer #15 Longfellow Road Bay St. Louis, MS 228-467-4157
	Waveland	Building Official 335 Coleman Avenue Bldg 5 Waveland, MS 228-466-2549
Harrison	Biloxi	Office of the Building Official 676 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Biloxi, MS 228-435-6270
	D'Iberville	Building Permit Office 10383 Automall Parkway D'Iberville, MS 228-393-9729
	Gulfport	Urban Development Dept Trailer B5 1500 Block of 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Gulfport, MS 228-868-5790
	Harrison County	Code Administration Office 15309 Community Road Gulfport, MS 228-832-1622
	Long Beach	Building Code Office 645 Klondyke Rd Long Beach, MS 228-863-1554
	Pass Christian	Building Permit Office NW Corner of Fleitas St. and 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Pass Christian, MS 228-363-0389
Jackson	Gautier	Building Permit Office Van Cleave Rd. South of US 90 Gautier, MS 228-497-1878
	Jackson County	Planning Department Office Fairgrounds on Vega Road Pascagoula, MS 228-769-3057

Moss Point	Building Permit Office 4412 Denny Street Moss Point, MS 39563 228-475-1151
Ocean Springs	Building Department 1018 Porter Avenue Ocean Springs, MS 228-875-6712
Pascagoula	Code Enforcement Department 4015 14 <sup>th</sup> Street Pascagoula, MS 228-938-6621