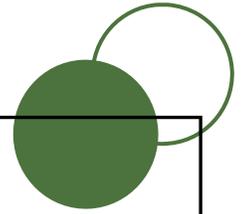




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were each presented the "Certificate of Appreciation" at the 26th Annual LFMA Conference. This certificate, presented by the Louisiana Dept. of Transportation & Development, is given to a person with outstanding qualities in the field of floodplain management. We thank them for their dedication and service to the citizens of Louisiana!

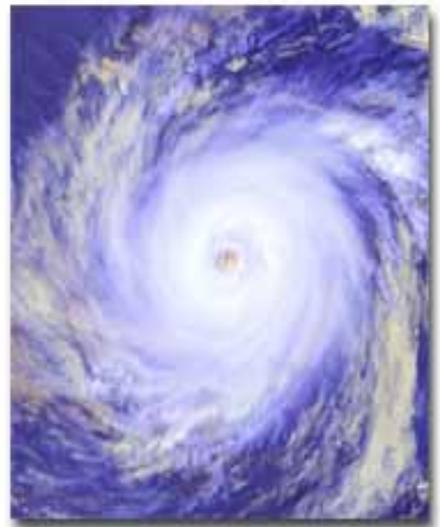


NFIP FEMA COURSE E273 CLASS was held in New Orleans, LA on March 2 – 6, 2009

Pictured: Back row (left to right): Diana Fordham, David Hiegel, Carrie Beth Lasley, Jennie Thibodaux, Cynthia Wirz, Nora Combel, Jamie Fontenot, Danika Gorrondona, Terrence Willis, Nikki Thierry, Paul May, Jonathan Lane, Pat Trainor, Wayne Berggren
 Front row: (left to right): Monica Farris, June Griffin, Terri Hawes, Sherry Busby, Phyl Cornman, Johnny Odom, Tasha Kilcrease, Paula Rushing, Maggie Olivier, Keith Scott,

2009 Hurricane Names

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| ANA | HENRI | ODETTE |
| BILL | IDA | PETER |
| CLAUDETTE | JOAQUIN | ROSE |
| DANNY | KATE | SAM |
| ERIKA | LARRY | TERESA |
| FRED | MINDY | VICTOR |
| GRACE | NICHOLAS | WANDA |



◆◆◆ BIENNIAL REPORTS ◆◆◆

HAVE BEEN SENT TO LOUISIANA NFIP COMMUNITIES

Every two years, participating communities must complete a form that describes the community's progress over the past two years in implementing floodplain management measures (44 CFR 59.22).

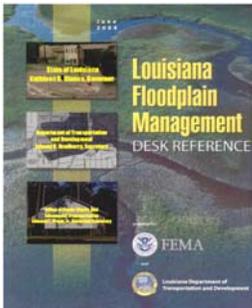
It can be completed using the paper copy or filled out over the Internet on DHS/FEMA's website.

DHS/FEMA sends the one-page form to the community's chief elected official. It must be completed and returned to DHS/FEMA within 45 days. The only way the biennial report can be completed is to have complete and accessible permit records. The floodplain administrator must keep track of:

- Changes in community boundaries
- Physical or topographical changes that affect flood hazard areas
- New flood or watershed studies
- Amendments to the flood damage prevention ordinance
- The number of building permits issued in the floodplain
- The number of variances issued

The administrator also must be able to tell DHS/FEMA:

- The number of people and number of buildings in the floodplain. While these numbers can be approximate, accurate figures will greatly help DHS/FEMA and its programs.
- Whether any floodplain management assistance is requested.



During the next several months we will be distributing a hard copy of the 2008 Louisiana Floodplain Management DESK REFERENCE to each Louisiana NFIP community. Over two hundred copies were handed out at the latest LFMA Conference which was held in Covington in April.

Additional Resources

Visit the FEMA library online to view a wide collection of FEMA information resources, including CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio tapes, disability resources, posters and display items, brochures, publications, guidance and policy papers, program regulations and guidelines, forms, slide presentations, and documents. Since this collection continues to increase as more materials are placed online, check periodically to see what has been added. Watermark, April 09



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multicultural heritage and its celebration
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As the State Coordination Office between the DHS/FEMA Regional Office and the communities of Louisiana that belong to the National Flood Insurance Program [NFIP], it is our job to provide any guidance or assistance needed to our Louisiana communities in order to assure the NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

In order to better serve you, please take a moment to tell us how we're doing and how we could improve. Thank you,

Cindy O'Neal, CFM – Pam Miller, CFM – Susan Veillon, CFM

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY

Have you had contact with our office within the last 6 months? YES NO
if yes, please check one: Email Phone Meeting

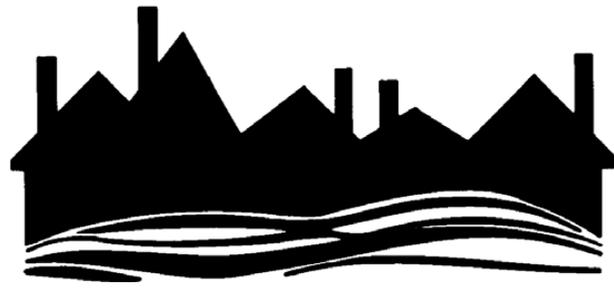
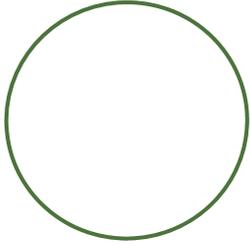
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Staff was friendly and courteous	5	4	3	2	1
I was treated with respect	5	4	3	2	1
Staff was knowledgeable	5	4	3	2	1
My questions & concerns were addressed in a timely manner	5	4	3	2	1
The staff provided me with useful information	5	4	3	2	1
I had an overall positive experience dealing with the staff of Floodplain Management	5	4	3	2	1

How could we improve our services?

PLEASE MAIL completed survey to:
LADOTD
Floodplain Management
8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70807





CRS CORNER

New CRS Credits for State Dam Safety Programs

Over the past year the CRS initiated a new approach to verify the credit awarded to CRS communities for the dam safety programs operated by their states. This has been the first comprehensive review of those scores since 1999.

Under CRS Activity 630 (Dam Safety) (Section 631.a in the CRS Coordinator's Manual), a CRS community may receive up to 75 CRS credit points for its state's dam safety program (SDS). A state's score is based on standards outlined in the Model State Dam Safety Program developed by the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO).

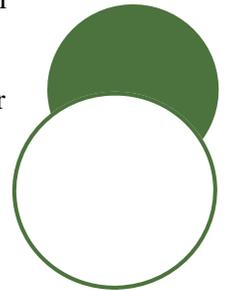
Each year, the National Dam Safety Review Board and ASDSO request information from the state organizations that regulate dam safety about their programs, using an online survey tool developed through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, known as the Dam Safety Program Management Tool (DSPMT). In 2008, additional information—pertaining to the CRS—was requested from the states through the DSPMT. Every state responded to the survey, and their answers were evaluated to assign more accurate CRS credit for each state's program.

All 50 states were reviewed, plus Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. Their old (1999) CRS scores and the new ones are shown in the table on the next page. Notice that

- 3 state programs are receiving credit for the first time (Delaware, Rhode Island, and West Virginia).
- 28 states' scores dropped, some by less than one point but ranging up to a 28-point loss for one state.
- 11 states' scores increased, from less than one point to 9.5 points.
- 11 state programs continue to get no credit under the CRS. This time, however, it is clear that the absence of credit is not due to missing information, but because there is a known shortcoming in the state's program.

Under the 1999 scoring, six states had received the maximum CRS credit of 75 points; two states had 74 points; and 12 had more than 70 points. Under the new 2008 scoring, the highest score is 73.7 (New Jersey) and only 6 states have more than 70 points.

Using the DSPMT has proven very beneficial to the CRS. The DSPMT staff paired the SDS credit criteria of the CRS to the sub-elements of the ASDSO program that are evaluated in the DSPMT. As a result, it is relatively easy to see the areas in which a state has a strong performance and where it is lacking. For example, there is a score for requiring a dam safety permit. Some states require much more information on the permit application, along with a more



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rigorous evaluation of the dam's design and operation. The DSPMT's scoring reflects these differences, which are translated to the CRS scoring as appropriate.

All the states' dam safety staffs are being sent the new scores for comment. Any CRS community that has questions about why its CRS score for SDS changed should contact its state dam safety office.

The DSPMT undertakes this data collection effort annually for reporting to the National Dam Safety Review Board and ASDSO, so it is anticipated that the CRS scores will always be an accurate reflection of the current quality of the state's dam safety program, and give appropriate credit to CRS communities for the accompanying reduction in their risk of flood losses.

CRS communities that receive credit under Activity 630 will see the new state scores for their dam safety programs take effect on October 1, 2009.

CRS Credit Points provided for State Dam Safety Programs								
State	1999	2008	Change		State	1999	2008	Change
Alabama	0	0.0	0.0		Nebraska	68	59.2	-8.8
Alaska	58	67.5	9.5		Nevada	60	50.9	-9.1
Arizona	72	68.5	-3.5		New Hampshire	75	72.3	-2.7
Arkansas	75	53.4	-21.6		New Jersey	67	73.7	6.7
California	74	63.8	-10.2		New Mexico	57	63.0	6.0
Colorado	75	70.8	-4.2		New York	56	60.0	4.0
Connecticut	56	50.9	-5.1		N. Carolina	58	52.0	-6.0
Delaware	0	0.0	0.0		N. Dakota	68	57.7	-10.3
Dist. Columbia	0	0.0	0.0		Ohio	63	59.7	-3.3
Florida	67	71.0	4.0		Oklahoma	56	52.1	-3.9
Georgia	64	61.9	-2.1		Oregon	0	0.0	0.0
Hawaii	68	69.8	1.8		Pennsylvania	75	69.6	-5.4
Idaho	71	65.0	-6.0		Puerto Rico	0	69.4	69.4
Illinois	59	56.8	-2.2		Rhode Island	0	67.0	67.0
Indiana	0	0.0	0.0		S. Carolina	57	39.9	-17.1
Iowa	0	0.0	0.0		S. Dakota	71	43.0	-28.0
Kansas	64	71.5	7.5		Tennessee	0	0.0	0.0
Kentucky	69	45.8	-23.2		Texas	55	46.1	-8.9
Louisiana	74	67.6	-6.4		Utah	68	57.9	-10.1
Maine	075	0.0	0.0		Vermont	0	0.0	0.0
Maryland	52	72.5	-2.5		Virgin Islands	0	0.0	0.0
Massachusetts	57	51.6	-0.4		Virginia	75	55.0	-20.0
Michigan	61	57.6	0.6		Washington	63	58.9	5.9
Minnesota	68	60.8	-0.2		W. Virginia	0	51.8	51.8
Mississippi	0	51.6	-16.4		Wisconsin	68	69.5	1.5
Missouri	72	0.0	0.0		Wyoming	54	57.3	3.3
Montana	72	66.8	-5.2					

Numbers in red indicate a loss of points

Taken from the NFIP/CRS Update April 2009 Edition



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**CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
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LFMA WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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3207 PERSHING BLVD.
SHREVEPORT, LA 71101

**Make your own Hotel
Reservations**

Holiday Inn Downtown
102 Lake Street
Shreveport, LA 71101
(318) 222-7717 or 1-800-766-2084

AGENDA

8:15 a.m. - Coffee & Donuts

8:30 a.m. - **INTRODUCTION**
Bonnie Anderson, CFM
Chair, LFMA

8:40 a.m. - **WELCOME** by Woodrow Wilson
Parish Administrator (Caddo)

9:00 a.m. - **HOW TO READ A FIRM**
Pam Mattingly, CFM
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury

9:30 a.m. - **PERMITTING OIL & GAS IN SFHA**
Butch Ford, Cindy O'Neal, CFM,
David Heigel, CFM, Diana Herrera, CFM

10:45 a.m. - Break

11:00 a.m. - **OVERVIEW of NEW
ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**
David Hiegel, CFM, DHS/FEMA Region VI
Natural Hazard Program Specialist

11:30 a.m. - **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**
12:00 p.m. - Adjourn & Enjoy life !

1:00 p.m. – CFM Exam (Pre-registration required)

For more information on the CFM Exam,
please contact James Demouchet, CFM:
jdemouchet@caddo.org
Phone: (318) 226-6930

This workshop earns 3 CEC Credits
For workshop information contact:
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LFMA SUMMER WORKSHOP

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009

TIME: 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION: 3207 PERSHING BLVD.

SHREVEPORT, LA 71101

PLEASE FAX, MAIL, or E-MAIL THIS

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**CFM Exam will be offered following the workshop at 1:00 pm at
the SAME LOCATION**

Please register at www.floods.org

click on "Certification"

Deadline to register for CFM is

JULY 3, 2009

Walk-ins NOT accepted.



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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