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Acting Administrator of General Services.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 64

[Docket No. FEMA-7661]

List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule identifies communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These communities have applied to the program and have agreed to enact certain floodplain management measures. The communities' participation in the program authorizes the sale of flood insurance to owners of property located in the communities listed.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The dates listed in the third column of the table.

ADDRESSES: Flood insurance policies for property located in the communities listed can be obtained from any licensed property insurance agent or broker serving the eligible community, or from the NFIP at: Post Office Box 6464, Rockville, MD 20849, (800) 638-6620.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert F. Shea, Jr., Division Director, Program Implementation Division, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street SW., room 417, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance which is generally not otherwise available. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management measures aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Since the communities on the attached list have recently entered the NFIP, subsidized flood insurance is now available for property in the community.

In addition, the Executive Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has identified the special flood hazard areas in some of these communities by publishing a Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The date of the flood map, if one has been published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. In the communities listed where a flood map has been published, Section 102 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012(a), requires the purchase of flood insurance as a condition of Federal or federally related financial assistance for acquisition or construction of buildings in the special flood hazard areas shown on the map.

The Executive Associate Director finds that the delayed effective dates would be contrary to the public interest. The Executive Associate Director also finds that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and unnecessary.

National Environmental Policy Act. This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Considerations. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Executive Associate Director certifies that this rule will not have a significant

economic impact on a substantial number of small entities in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because the rule creates no additional burden, but lists those communities eligible for the sale of flood insurance.

Regulatory Classification. This final rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Paperwork Reduction Act. This rule does not involve any collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Executive Order 12612, Federalism. This rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, October 26, 1987, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 252.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. This rule meets the applicable standards of section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778, October 25, 1991, 56 FR 55195, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 309.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 64

Flood insurance, Floodplains.

Accordingly, 44 CFR part 64 is amended as follows:

PART 64—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 64 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 64.6 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 64.6 are amended as follows:

State/location	Community No.	Effective date of eligibility	Current effective map date
New Eligibles—Emergency Program			
Georgia: Terrell County, unincorporated areas	130400	February 13, 1997	July 16, 1976.
South Dakota:			
Dewey County, unincorporated areas	460023	February 12, 1997	
Corson County, unincorporated areas	460237	.....do	
Hand County, unincorporated areas	460269	.....do	
Stanley County, unincorporated areas	460287	.....do	
Turner County, unincorporated areas	460290	.....do	
Hartford, city of, Minnehaha County	460180	February 13, 1997	
Ziebach County, unincorporated areas	460292	.....do	
Pollock, town of, Campbell County	460132	February 14, 1997	
Gettysburg, city of, Potter County	460299	.....do	
Faulk County, unincorporated areas	460265	February 13, 1997	
Campbell County, unincorporated areas	460256	.....do	
Hyde County, unincorporated areas	460272	.....do	
Haakon County, unincorporated areas	460268	February 14, 1997	
Webster, city of, Day County	460227	.....do	
Iowa:			
Marion County, unincorporated areas	190889	February 21, 1997	October 18, 1977.

State/location	Community No.	Effective date of eligibility	Current effective map date
Riceville, city of, Howard County	190418	.....do	March 19, 1979.
South Dakota:			
Cresbard, town of, Faulk County	460107	.....do	July 18, 1975.
Waubay, city of, Day County	460226	.....do	
Clark County, unincorporated areas	460258	.....do	
Isabel, city of, Dewey County	460122	February 20, 1997	
Dupree, city of, Ziebach County	460169	.....do	April 25, 1975.
Lyman County, unincorporated areas	460278	.....do	
Lennox, city of, Lincoln County	460192	.....do	
North Dakota:			
Manvel, city of, Grand Forks County	380037	February 21, 1997	
Amenia, township of, Cass County	380686	.....do	
Corinne, township of, Stutsman County	380687	.....do	
North Carolina: Franklin County, unincorporated areas	370377	.....do	September 15, 1978.
Texas: McLendon-Chishom, city of, Rockwall County	480546	.....do	September 26, 1975.
North Dakota:			
Eagle, township of, Richland county	380688	February 24, 1997	
McIntosh County, unincorporated areas	380689	February 26, 1997	
Davenport, township of, Cass County	380690	.....do	
Richland County, unincorporated areas	380098	.....do	February 3, 1981.
South Dakota:			
Orient, town of, Faulk County	461202	February 24, 1997	
Buffalo County, unincorporated areas	460255	.....do	
Herreid, city of, Campbell County	460181	.....do	July 11, 1975.
Hughes County, unincorporated areas	460271	.....do	January 10, 1978.
Corsica, city of, Douglas County	460167	.....do	
Warner, city of, Brown County	460298	February 26, 1997	
Raymond, city of, Clark County	461205	.....do	
Bristol, city of, Day County	460101	.....do	
Colton, city of, Minnehaha County	460166	.....do	
Yankton Sioux Tribe, Charles Mix County	461204	.....do	
Hanson County, unincorporated areas	460270	.....do	August 16, 1977.
Bon Homme County, unincorporated areas	460252	February 25, 1997	
Cheyenne River Indian Reservation Dewey, Ziebach County.	461203	.....do	
Duel County, unincorporated areas	460262	.....do	
Marshall County, unincorporated areas	460279	.....do	
Parker, city of, Turner County	460211	.....do	
Missouri: Morgan County, unincorporated areas	290244	February 28, 1997	September 30, 1983.
Minnesota:			
Clarkfield, city of, Yellow Medicine County	270764	.....do	
Climax, city of, Polk County	270363	.....do	June 11, 1976.
Ohio: Hamler, village of, Henry County	390264	.....do	April 15, 1977.
Texas: St. Hedwig, town of, Bexar County	481132	February 5, 1997	February 16, 1996.
Georgia: Taylor County, unincorporated areas	130522	February 13, 1997	September 20, 1996.
North Carolina:			
Pikeville, town of, Wayne County	370429	February 14, 1997	April 1, 1982.
Foxfire, village of, Moore County	370402	.....do	December 15, 1989.
Spring Lake, town of, Cumberland County ¹	370484	.....do	February 17, 1982.
Watha, town of, Pender County ²	370486	.....do	January 6, 1995.
Princeton, town of, Johnston County ³	370485	.....do	November 2, 1995.
Chimney Rock, village of, Rutherford County ⁴	370487	.....do	June 1, 1987.
Granville County, unincorporated areas	370325	February 20, 1997	September 28, 1990.
Montgomery County, unincorporated areas	370336	.....do	June 1, 1981.
Minnesota: Fayal, town of, St. Louis County ⁵	270739	February 21, 1997	February 19, 1992.
New Hampshire: Troy, town of, Cheshire County	330173	.....do	July 23, 1976.
North Carolina: Erwin, town of, Harnett County	370456	February 28, 1997	April 16, 1990.
Minnesota: Cohasset, city of, Itasca County ⁶	270202	.....do	November 1, 1978.
Missouri: Wildwood, city of, St. Louis County ⁷	290922	.....do	August 5, 1995.
Reinstatements			
Pennsylvania:			
Sewickley Heights, borough of, Allegheny County	420071	December 21, 1978, Emerg.; May 1, 1986, Reg.; October 4, 1995, Susp.; February 5, 1997, Rein.	October 4, 1995.
Newlin, township of, Chester County	421486	October 24, 1975, Emerg.; August 1, 1984, Reg.; November 20, 1996, Susp.; February 5, 1997, Rein.	November 20, 1996
Kentucky:			
Florence, city of, Boone County	210238	April 5, 1977, July 3, 1986, Reg.; July 3, 1986, Susp.; February 3, 1997, Rein.	July 3, 1986.
Hustonville, city of, Lincoln County	210144	August 26, 1975, Emerg.; September 27, 1985, Reg.; November 1, 1985, Susp.; February 3, 1997, Rein.	September 27, 1985.

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Simpson County, unincorporated areas	210316	July 31, 1975, Emerg.; May 1, 1987, Reg.; September 15, 1993, Susp.; February 5, 1997, Rein.	September 15, 1993.
Iowa: Cushing, city of, Woodbury County	190289	April 28, 1975, Emerg.; September 18, 1985, Reg.; September 18, 1985, Susp.; February 5, 1997, Rein.	September 18, 1985.
Virginia: Powhatan County	510117	February 5, 1975, Emerg.; September 15, 1978, Reg.; September 15, 1978, Susp.; February 14, 1997, Rein.	September 15, 1978.
North Carolina: Speed, town of, Edgecombe County	370093	September 4, 1979, Emerg.; July 2, 1987, Reg.; July 2, 1987, Susp.; February 21, 1997, Rein.	July 2, 1987.
Franklinville, town of, Randolph County	370197	July 10, 1975, Emerg.; July 1, 1987, Reg.; July 1, 1987, Susp.; February 21, 1997, Rein.	July 1, 1987.
Iowa: Alburnett, city of, Linn County	190692	March 2, 1976, Emerg.; June 1, 1987, Reg.; June 1, 1987, Susp.; February 21, 1997, Rein.	June 1, 1987.
Regular Program Conversions			
Region I			
Connecticut: East Granby, town of, Hartford County	090025	February 5, 1997, Suspension Withdrawn.	February 5, 1997.
Ellington, town of, Tolland County	090158	.....do	Do.
Region III			
West Virginia: Moorefield, town of, Hardy County	540052	.....do	Do.
Region IV			
Florida: Destin, city of, Okaloosa County	125158	.....do	Do.
Region V			
Wisconsin: Shell Lake, city of, Washburn County	550469	.....do	Do.
Region VI			
Arkansas:			
Elkins, city of, Washington County	050214	.....do	Do.
Fayetteville, city of, Washington County	050216	.....do	Do.
Searcy, city of, White County	050229	.....do	Do.
Washington County, unincorporated areas	050212	.....do	Do.
Oklahoma:			
Adair County, unincorporated areas	400501	.....do	Do.
Stilwell, city of, Adair County	400001	.....do	Do.
Region IX			
California:			
Grass Valley, city of, Nevada County	060211	.....do	Do.
Nevada County, unincorporated areas	060210	.....do	Do.
San Joaquin County, unincorporated areas	060299	.....do	Do.
Tehama County, unincorporated areas	065064	.....do	Do.
Region I			
Vermont: Londonderry, town of, Windham County	500132	February 19, 1997 Suspension Withdrawn.	January 3, 1997
Region II			
New Jersey: Jackson, township of, Ocean County	340375	.....do	Do.
New York:			
Newport, town of, Herkimer County	361111	.....do	Do.
Trenton, town of, Oneida County	360556	.....do	Do.
Region III			
Pennsylvania:			
Ambler, borough of, Montgomery County	420947	.....do	December 19, 1996.
Collegeville, borough of, Montgomery County	421900	.....do	Do.
Schwenksville, borough of, Montgomery County	421905	.....do	Do.
Springfield, township of, Montgomery County	425388	.....do	Do.
Towamencin, township of, Montgomery County	422236	.....do	Do.
Upper Merion, township of, Montgomery County	420957	.....do	Do.
West Virginia: Martinsburg, city of, Berkeley County	540006	.....do	January 3, 1997.
Region IV			
Georgia: Macon, city of, and Bibb County	130011	February 19, 1997	Do.
Region V			
Ohio: Oxford, city of, Butler County	390731	January 3, 1997	Do.

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Region VII			
Missouri:			
Butler County, unincorporated areas	290044	February 19, 1997	Do.
Poplar Bluff, city of, Butler County	290047do	Do.

¹ The Town of Spring Lake, North Carolina has adopted the Cumberland County (CID 370076) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated February 17, 1982, panels 0035B, 0040B, 0075B, 0080B.

² The Town of Watha, North Carolina has adopted the Pender County (CID 370344) Flood Insurance Rate Map dated January 6, 1995, panel 0065.

³ The Town of Princeton, North Carolina has adopted the Johnston County (CID 370138) Flood Insurance Rate Map dated November 2, 1995, panels 0110, 0115, and 0140.

⁴ The Village of Chimney Rock, North Carolina has adopted the Rutherford County (CID 370217) Flood Insurance Rate Map dated June 1, 1987.

⁵ The Town of Fayal, Minnesota has adopted the St. Louis County (CID 270416) Flood Insurance Rate Map dated February 19, 1992, panels 0950 and 1075.

⁶ The City of Cohasset, Minnesota has adopted the Itasca County (CID 270200) Flood Insurance Rate Map dated November 1, 1978.

⁷ The City of Wildwood, Missouri has adopted the St. Louis County (CID 290327) Flood Insurance Rate Map dated August 2, 1995.

Code for reading third column: Emerg.—Emergency; Reg.—Regular; Rein.—Reinstatement; Susp.—Suspension; With.—Withdrawn.

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Richard W. Krimm,
Executive Associate Director, Mitigation
Directorate.

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44 CFR Part 78

RIN 3067-AC45

Flood Mitigation Assistance

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for
comments.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule implements §§ 553 and 554 of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994. Section 553 authorizes a Mitigation Assistance Program, which authorizes FEMA to provide grants to States and communities for planning assistance and for mitigation projects that reduce the risk of flood damages to structures covered under contracts for flood insurance. Section 554 establishes the National Flood Mitigation Fund to fund assistance provided under § 553.

DATES: This interim final rule is effective April 29, 1997. We invite comments on this interim final rule, which should be received by June 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Please send any comments to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 840, Washington, DC 20472, (facsimile) (202) 646-4536.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert F. Shea, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington,

DC 20472, (202) 646-3619, (facsimile) (202) 646-3104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The enactment of Title V of the Community Development and Regulatory Reform Act, also known as the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (the Act), created significant opportunities for mitigation. Section 553 of the Act, authorizes a Mitigation Assistance Program which FEMA has designated Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). Section 554 establishes the National Flood Mitigation Fund to provide assistance under § 553. These regulations implement the requirements of §§ 553 and 554 of the Act. FMA was developed to address concerns regarding repetitively or substantially damaged structures, or both, and the associated claims on the National Flood Insurance Fund. The overall goal of FMA is to fund cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other insurable structures.

FEMA will ask the Governor of each State to identify a point of contact (POC) for FMA. Each State, through the POC, will receive annual funding for technical assistance and planning grants through the annual Cooperative Agreements. States will distribute the planning grants at their discretion, in accordance with the specified grant limitations. The purpose of the planning grants is to develop or update a Flood Mitigation Plan that FEMA must approve before approving a project grant. In addition, States will be notified as to the allocation for FMA project grants each year. States will solicit and evaluate project applications, choosing those they wish to fund. The POC will review the applications for completeness, basic eligibility, and consistency with the approved Flood

Mitigation Plan. The POC will forward these projects to FEMA for final approval and funding through a supplement to the annual Cooperative Agreement. All project applications, as well as Flood Mitigation Plans, must go through the POC to be accepted by FEMA, unless a State chooses not to coordinate the program. Alternative procedures allowing for direct coordination with FEMA are available in the following two circumstances. If a Governor chooses not to identify a POC to coordinate the FMA, communities may submit applications and plans directly to FEMA.

The regulations outline a basic planning process with minimum standards for the Flood Mitigation Plans. Existing plans, such as those credited through the Community Rating System or those prepared in conformance with § 409 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5176, may meet the requirements of FMA with few or no modifications. The plan should summarize the planning process, and should be reviewed periodically by the community in order to remain a viable document. Flood Mitigation Plans must be formally adopted by the legal entity submitting the plan for FEMA approval.

All FMA projects must be consistent with the goals of FMA, that is, to reduce the risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Specifically, project eligibility is dependent on two components: the type of activity must be eligible (elevation, acquisition, etc.) and each project must meet a set of minimum criteria (cost effectiveness, environmental considerations, etc.).

The regulations address the need for States and communities to maintain liaisons with other organizations and agencies to better coordinate available programs. FMA strongly encourages