

meet the 3-year timeline for publication of the final rule due to the complexity of the rule and the large number of public comments we received.

We received a large volume of timely comments on the proposed rule. The commenters presented extremely complex and detailed policy and legal issues, which require extensive consultation, review, and analysis. Also, the development of the final rule requires collaboration among other agencies under the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). We note that extensive coordination has been needed to ensure that these provisions follow guidelines and rules of all affected administrative agencies.

In addition, this final rule is extremely comprehensive because it updates and revises policies, some of which were originally established in 1983, regarding patient assessment, patient care planning and delivery, quality assessment and performance improvement, drug and biologicals management, inpatient care facilities, and the role of hospice care in long term care facilities. Therefore, the incorporation of these updates has required extensive time, outreach, and collaboration to ensure that the final rule's provisions are consistent with current best practices in the provision of hospice services.

We believe that an extension of the publication timeline is necessary and appropriate to ensure that we are able to address all of the comments and issues raised in response to the May 27, 2005 proposed rule. Therefore, this notice extends the timeline for publication of the final rule until May 27, 2009.

Authority: Section 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395hh). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: May 21, 2008.

Ann Agnew,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-B-7783]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on the proposed Base (1 percent annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and proposed BFE modifications for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the proposed regulatory flood elevations for the reach described by the downstream and upstream locations in the table below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are a part of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, these elevations, once finalized, will be used by insurance agents, and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents in those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before August 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The corresponding preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the proposed BFEs for each community are available for inspection at the community's map repository. The respective addresses are listed in the table below.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-7783, to William R. Blanton, Jr., Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3151, or (e-mail) bill.blanton@dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to make

determinations of BFEs and modified BFEs for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed BFEs and modified BFEs, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

Comments on any aspect of the Flood Insurance Study and FIRM, other than the proposed BFEs, will be considered. A letter acknowledging receipt of any comments will not be sent.

Administrative Procedure Act Statement. This matter is not a rulemaking governed by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553. FEMA publishes flood elevation determinations for notice and comment; however, they are governed by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and do not fall under the APA.

National Environmental Policy Act. This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR part 10, Environmental Consideration. An environmental impact assessment has not been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. As flood elevation determinations are not within the scope of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review. This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, as amended.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism. This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Executive Order 12988.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, Flood insurance, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 67 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.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

Flooding source(s)	Location of referenced elevation **	* Elevation in feet (NGVD) + Elevation in feet (NAVD) # Depth in feet above ground		Communities affected
		Effective	Modified	
Ellsworth County, Kansas, and Incorporated Areas				
Smoke Hill River	Approximately 0.65 mile downstream of the bridge on Douglas Avenue.	None	+1533	Unincorporated Areas of Ellsworth County.
	Approximately 0.50 mile upstream of the bridge on Douglas Avenue.	None	+1540	

* National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

+ North American Vertical Datum.

Depth in feet above ground.

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Send comments to William R. Blanton, Jr., Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

ADDRESSES**Unincorporated Areas of Ellsworth County**

Maps are available for inspection at 210 North Kansas Street, Ellsworth, KS 67439.

Crittenden County, Kentucky, and Incorporated Areas

Ohio River	Approximately at confluence with Deer Creek (at upstream county boundary).	None	+355	Unincorporated Areas of Crittenden County.
	Approximately at confluence with Tradewater River (at downstream county boundary).	None	+362	

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ADDRESSES**Unincorporated Areas of Crittenden County**

Maps are available for inspection at 107 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064.

Monmouth County, New Jersey, and Incorporated Areas

Big Brook	Approximately 34 feet upstream of Boundary Road	None	+79	Township of Colts Neck.
	At Boundary Road	None	+79	
Burkes Creek	Approximately 957 feet upstream of Rutgers Road	None	+100	Township of Howell.
	Approximately 904 feet upstream of Rutgers Road	None	+100	
Deal Lake	Entire shoreline	None	+10	Borough of Interlaken.
Deal Tributary 1	At Wickapecko Drive	None	+11	Borough of Interlaken.
	Approximately 342 feet downstream of Wickapecko Drive.	None	+11	
Doctors Creek	Approximately 915 feet upstream of South Main Street.	None	+72	Township of Upper Freehold.
	Approximately 2,565 feet upstream of South Main Street.	None	+72	
Hollow Brook	At Breza Road	None	+60	City of Asbury Park.
	Approximately 57 feet upstream of Breza Road	None	+60	
Little Silver Creek Tributary 2B.	Approximately 133 feet upstream of Ridge Avenue	+10	+13	Borough of Little Silver.
	Approximately 176 feet upstream of Ridge Avenue	+10	+13	
	Approximately 95 feet downstream of Harding Road ..	+15	+14	
	Approximately 40 feet upstream of Harding Road	+25	+24	

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Manalapan Brook	At County boundary	+75	+76	Township of Manalapan, Township of Millstone.
Manalapan Brook Tributary A	Approximately 510 feet upstream of Moonlight Court	None	+181	Township of Manalapan.
	At confluence with Manalapan Brook	+91	+87	
	Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of confluence with Manalapan Brook.	+92	+89	
Manalapan Brook Tributary B	At confluence with Manalapan Brook	+124	+123	Township of Manalapan.
	Approximately 220 feet upstream of confluence with Manalapan Brook.	+124	+123	
Musquash Brook	Approximately 3,350 feet downstream of Brighton Avenue.	None	+9	Borough of Neptune City.
	Approximately 40 feet downstream of Brighton Avenue.	None	+23	
North Branch	At Railroad	None	+8	Borough of Spring Lake Heights.
Wreck Pond	Approximately 1,147 feet upstream of State Highway 71.	None	+8	Borough of Spring Lake Heights.
Poly Pond Brook	Approximately 944 feet downstream of State Highway 71.	None	+17	
	Approximately 1,563 feet upstream of State Highway 71.	None	+17	
Raritan Bay	Approximately 1,035 feet east of Rose Lane	None	+11	Township of Hazlet, Borough of Keansburg, Borough of Union Beach, Township of Middletown.
	Approximately 570 feet northwest of the intersection of State Highway 36 and Laurel Avenue.	None	+11	
	Approximately 480 feet east of William Street	None	+11	
	Approximately 1,570 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 36 and Thompson Avenue.	None	+11	
Shark River	Approximately 235 feet downstream of Steiner Avenue.	None	+9	Borough of Neptune City.
	Approximately 1,450 feet downstream of County Highway 17.	None	+9	
Still House Brook	At confluence with Manalapan Brook	+94	+93	Township of Manalapan.
	Approximately 600 feet upstream of confluence with Manalapan Brook.	+94	+93	
Swimming River	At Swimming River Road	None	+22	Township of Colts Neck.
Thornes Creek	At Raritan and Sandy Hook Bay Beach Erosion and Hurricane Project Closure Gate.	+4	+11	Township of Hazlet, Borough of Union Beach.
	At State Highway 36	+4	+11	
Waackaack Creek	At Raritan and Sandy Hook Bay Beach Erosion and Hurricane Project Closure Gate.	+4	+11	Township of Hazlet, Borough of Keansburg, Borough of Union Beach, Township of Holmdel.
	Approximately 800 feet downstream of Middle Road ..	+10	+11	
Watson Creek	Approximately 1,150 feet downstream of Blansing Avenue Extension.	None	+20	Borough of Manasquan.
	Approximately 960 feet downstream of Blansing Avenue Extension.	None	+20	
	At Hope Road	None	+73	
Whale Pond Brook	Approximately 54 feet upstream of Hope Road	None	+73	Borough of Tinton Falls.
Yellow Brook 2	Approximately 600 feet downstream of Hunt Road	None	+98	Township of Colts Neck.
	Approximately 124 feet downstream of Hunt Road	None	+98	

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ADDRESSES

Borough of Interlaken

Maps are available for inspection at Interlaken Borough Hall, 100 Grasmere Avenue, Interlaken, NJ.

Borough of Keansburg

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Maps are available for inspection at Keansburg Borough Municipal Building, 29 Church Street, Keansburg, NJ.

Borough of Little Silver

Maps are available for inspection at Little Silver Borough Hall, 480 Prospect Avenue, Little Silver, NJ.

Borough of Manasquan

Maps are available for inspection at Manasquan Borough Municipal Building, 201 East Main Street, Manasquan, NJ.

Borough of Neptune City

Maps are available for inspection at Borough of Neptune City Municipal Building, 106 West Sylvania Avenue, Neptune City, NJ.

Borough of Spring Lake Heights

Maps are available for inspection at Spring Lake Heights Borough Hall, 555 Brighton Avenue, Spring Lake Heights, NJ.

Borough of Tinton Falls

Maps are available for inspection at Tinton Falls Borough Municipal Building, 556 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ.

Borough of Union Beach

Maps are available for inspection at Union Beach Borough Municipal Building, 650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach, NJ.

City of Asbury Park

Maps are available for inspection at City of Asbury Park Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, NJ.

Township of Colts Neck

Maps are available for inspection at Colts Neck Town Hall, 124 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, NJ.

Township of Hazlet

Maps are available for inspection at Hazlet Township Municipal Building, 1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ.

Township of Holmdel

Maps are available for inspection at Holmdel Township Hall, 4 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, NJ.

Township of Howell

Maps are available for inspection at Howell Township Municipal Building, 251 Preventorium Road, Howell, NJ.

Township of Manalapan

Maps are available for inspection at Manalapan Township Municipal Building, 120 Route 522 & Taylors Mill Road, Manalapan, NJ.

Township of Middletown

Maps are available for inspection at Middletown Township Municipal Building, One Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ.

Township of Millstone

Maps are available for inspection at Millstone Township Municipal Building, 470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone, NJ.

Township of Upper Freehold

Maps are available for inspection at Upper Freehold Township Municipal Building, 314 Route 539, Cream Ridge, NJ.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: May 15, 2008.

David I. Maurstad,

Federal Insurance Administrator of the National Flood Insurance Program, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

44 CFR Part 67

[Docket No. FEMA-B-7782]

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on the proposed Base (1 percent annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) and proposed BFE modifications for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the proposed regulatory flood elevations for the reach described by the downstream and upstream locations in the table below. The BFEs and modified BFEs are a part of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, these elevations, once finalized, will be used by insurance agents, and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents in those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before August 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The corresponding preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map

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