



The CRS EXPRESS



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An Update for participating CRS communities
FEMA Regions 5 & 7 & ND

Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning

Updating the Plan – All communities receiving credit for Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning must keep their plan up-to-date. An update to the plan must be prepared at least every 5 years. If it has been more than 5 years since the plan was adopted (or approved by FEMA), an adopted update will be required at the time the community applies for the credit (cycle application). The 5-year plan update will be scored according to the current *CRS Coordinator's Manual*, not the version used when the community originally applied. If the community fails to submit the 5-year update by October 1 of the year following its next cycle verification, there is no planning credit (FMP = 0). Without continued credit under this Activity, a Category C repetitive loss community will revert to a Class 10.

Preparing an Annual Progress Report – Every community receiving credit for a 510 Floodplain Management Plan or similar must submit an Annual Progress Report with their annual recertification. The progress report must also be submitted to the governing body, released to the media and made available to the public. Each year, documentation is required showing these requirements have been met. If the community fails to submit an annual progress report with its recertification, there is no credit (FMP = 0) and a Category C repetitive loss community will revert to a Class 10.

If you are a community that is receiving credit for a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis, the Annual Progress Report requirement applies to you as well.

For more information on the requirements of Activity 510, please refer to the current *CRS Coordinator's Manual* Section 510, page 510-1. Page 510-31 explains the requirements for the 5-year update. You may also refer to page 59 in "Example Plans," available on our website at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CRS/>. Please contact me if you would like to see a copy of a sample progress report.

CRS By The Numbers

- 1114 communities, or approximately 20% of all NFIP communities, participate in the CRS
- Those 1114 communities account for approximately 70% of all flood insurance policies
- Nationwide, the CRS offers almost \$225,000,000 in premium discounts annually
- Miami-Dade County (Class 5) receives the largest annual discount – approximately \$20,000,000
- Region IV (Southeast) accounts for 37.4% (417) of all CRS communities
- Region VI (TX-LA-AR-OK-NM) accounts for 10.7% (119) of all CRS communities
- Region V accounts for 9.6% (107) of all CRS communities
- In Regions V and VII, we have 10 of the 51 Class 5 communities nationwide. Only 6 communities are better than Class 5.

CRS News Briefs

- The Elevation Certificate Software that some communities are using (Activity 310 ECCF credit), has been discontinued and is no longer being supported by ISO & FEMA. You can still receive credit in this element as long as you are keeping your ECs in some kind of database that includes all fields from the EC form.
- Modifications are always welcome and much less work than a cycle verification. If you are somewhat close to the next Class or you have recently starting doing more creditable activities, please contact me to see how you can reach the next level and increase your residents' savings.
- The CRS Resource Center has been updated and back online. For online information about the CRS Program, guidance documents for almost every Activity and general CRS documents, go to www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CRS/. There is also information there about the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) classes and how to apply.
- You may have noticed that a CD with information regarding your current Repetitive Loss properties was not sent out in 2009. The CD is planned to be distributed in late March. When you receive it, please look through the information and follow the instructions included. There will be other documents included that may be of help/interest to you.

Training Calendar

2010

March 2 - 5	MSFA Conference [MI] - Bay City, MI
March 9 - 11	IAFSM Conference [IL] - Tinley Park, IL
March 22 - 25	Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP (E273) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
April 7 - 9	MfSMA Conference [MO] - Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO
April 19 - 22	NFIP/Community Rating System (E278) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
May 3 - 6	Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP (E273) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
May 10 - 13	Retrofitting Floodprone Residential buildings (E279) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
June 14 - 17	NFIP/Community Rating System (E278) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
June 21 - 24	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts III (E284) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
July 26 - 29	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts (E194) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
August 9 - 12	NFIP/Community Rating System (E278) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
August 23 - 26	Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP (E273) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
September 1 - 2	KAFM Conference [KS] - Wichita, KS
September 13 - 16	Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP TTT (E270) EMI, Emmitsburg, MD
September 15 - 17	INAFSM Conference [IN] - Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN
November 3 - 5	WAFSCM Conference [WI] - Wisconsin Dells