

# How To Request a Flood Hazard Determination Review from FEMA

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Borrowers who have reason to dispute the flood hazard determination presented by a lender may request, jointly with the lender, that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review that determination. FEMA will make its determination within 45 days of receipt of all necessary data. If the request for review is related to a loan and the loan closing occurs before the end of the 45-day response time, the purchase of flood insurance is required. If it is determined through the review process that the structure is not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), and if the lender waives the flood insurance purchase requirement, a full premium refund can be obtained if no claim on the policy has been made.

The Flood Hazard Determination Review process does not consider the elevation of the structure above the flood level. It considers only the location of the structure relative to the SFHA shown on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

## What Must be Submitted to FEMA?

- A copy of the completed [Standard Flood Hazard Determination form](#) (FEMA Form 81-93);
- A copy of the dated notification to the borrower from the lender that the property is in a SFHA;
- A copy of the effective FIRM panel for the community in which the structure is located, marked to show the location of the structure or manufactured home;
- A copy of all material used by the lender to make the flood hazard determination (FEMA must confirm the location of the structure on the FIRM by examining the data source used to make the determination);
- A letter to FEMA requesting a review of the lender's determination, signed by the borrower and the lender;
- \$80 payment by check or money order, in U.S. funds, made payable to "National Flood Insurance Program."

## When Must the Request be Submitted?

Requests MUST be postmarked no later than 45 days following the date the lender notified the borrower that the property is in an SFHA. Data and fee received bearing a postmark later than 45 days following lender notification will be returned to the sender without review by FEMA.

For information about submitting a request, call a map specialist at 1-877-336-2627 or mail the request to:

**LOMC Clearinghouse**  
7390 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 204  
Hanover, MD 21076  
Attn.: LOMA Manager

## What is FEMA's Response to Such Requests?

Within 45 days of receipt, FEMA will advise the lender and borrower of one of the following by letter:

- Request was postmarked more than 45 days following notification; all materials and fees are returned.
- Insufficient information and/or fee was received; all materials and fees are returned.
- Incorrect map date was used to locate the property/structure; all materials and fees are returned.
- Sufficient information was received; structure is either inside or outside the designated SFHA.
- Insufficient information was received to change the determination; all materials are returned and the Letter of Map Amendment process is suggested.

## What is the Effect of FEMA's Response to Such Requests?

FEMA's review of the lender's determination and subsequent response does not result in an amendment or revision to the effective FIRM. It is only a finding as to the location of a building or manufactured home relative to a designated SFHA, which has implications regarding the Federal requirement for purchase of flood insurance. The determination by FEMA will remain in effect until the FIRM affecting the building or manufactured home is physically revised and republished. Additional information about FEMA and the NFIP may be obtained through the [Flood Hazard Mapping](#) Web site.

## For More Information

For more information or additional assistance:

- Please [e-mail](#) a Map Specialist.
- Please call a Map Specialist toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
**STANDARD FLOOD HAZARD DETERMINATION FORM (SFHDF)**

See The Attached  
 Instructions

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SECTION I - LOAN INFORMATION				
1. LENDER NAME AND ADDRESS		2. COLLATERAL (Building/Mobile Home/Property) PROPERTY ADDRESS AND PARCEL NUMBER (See Instructions section for more information)		
3. LENDER ID NO.	4. LOAN IDENTIFIER	5. AMOUNT OF FLOOD INSURANCE REQUIRED		
SECTION II				
A. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COMMUNITY JURISDICTION				
1. NFIP Community Name	2. County(ies)	3. State	4. NFIP Community Number	
B. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) DATA AFFECTING BUILDING/MOBILE HOME				
1. NFIP Map Number or Community-Panel Number (Community name, if not the same as "A")	2. NFIP Map Panel Effective/ Revised Date	3. LOMA/LOMR Number	4. Flood Zone	5. No NFIP Map
C. FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE AVAILABILITY (Check all that apply)				
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal flood Insurance is available (community participates in the NFIP). <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Program <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Program of NFIP  2. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal flood insurance is not available because community is not participating in the NFIP.  3. <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Mobile Home is in a Coastal Barrier Resources Area (CBRA) or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA). Federal Flood Insurance may not be available.  <div style="text-align: right;">CBRA/OPA Designation Date: _____</div>				
D. DETERMINATION				
IS BUILDING/MOBILE HOME IN SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (ZONES CONTAINING THE LETTERS "A" OR "V")? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  If yes, flood insurance is required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. If no, flood insurance is not required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Please note, the risk of flooding in this area is only reduced, not removed.				
E. COMMENTS (Optional)				
This determination is based on examining the NFIP map, any Federal Emergency Management Agency revisions to it, and any other information needed to locate the building/mobile home on the NFIP map.				
F. PREPARER'S INFORMATION				
NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER (If other than Lender)			DATE OF DETERMINATION	

**STANDARD FLOOD HAZARD DETERMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS  
PAPERWORK BURDEN DISCLOSURE NOTICE**

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 20 minutes per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is mandatory. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed in the upper right corner of this form. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington VA 20598-3005, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0040). **NOTE: DO NOT SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THIS ADDRESS.**

**SECTION 1**

1. **LENDER NAME:** Enter lender name and address.
2. **COLLATERAL (Building/Mobile Home/Personal Property) PROPERTY ADDRESS:** Enter property address for the insurable collateral. In rural areas, a postal address may not be sufficient to locate the property. In these cases, legal property descriptions may be used and may be attached to the form if space provided is insufficient. If other identifiers are available, such as Longitude/Latitude, please use any that will help describe the collateral location properly. Additional information may be attached.
3. **LENDER ID NO:** The lender funding the loan should identify itself as follows: FDIC-insured lenders should indicate their FDIC Insurance Certificate Number; Federally-insured credit unions should indicate their charter/insurance number; Farm Credit institutions should indicate their UNINUM number. Other lenders who fund loans sold to or securitized by FNMA or FHLMC should enter FNMA or FHLMC seller/service number.
4. **LOAN IDENTIFIER:** Optional. May be used by lenders to conform with their individual method of identifying loans.
5. **AMOUNT OF FLOOD INSURANCE REQUIRED:** Optional. The minimum federal requirement for this amount is the lesser of: the outstanding principal loan balance; the value of the improved property, mobile home and/or personal property used to secure the loan; or the maximum statutory limit of flood insurance coverage. Lenders may exceed the minimum federal requirements. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies do not provide coverage in excess of the insured value of the building/mobile home/personal property.

**SECTION 2**

**A. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COMMUNITY JURISDICTION**

1. **NFIP Community Name.** Enter the complete name of the community (as indicated on the NFIP map) in which the building or mobile home is located. Under the NFIP, a community is the political unit that has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for the areas within its jurisdiction. A community may be any State or area or political subdivision thereof, or any Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or authorized native organization. (Examples: Brewer, City of; Washington, Borough of; Worcester, Township of; Baldwin County; Jefferson Parish) For a building or mobile home that may have been annexed by one community but is shown on another community's NFIP map, enter the Community Name for the community with land-use jurisdiction over the building or mobile home.
2. **County(ies).** Enter the name of the county or counties in which the community is located. For unincorporated areas of a county, enter "unincorporated areas." For independent cities, enter "independent city."
3. **State.** Enter the two-digit state abbreviation. (Examples: VA, TX, CA)
4. **NFIP Community Number.** Enter the 6-digit NFIP community number. This number can be determined by consulting the NFIP Community Status Book or can be found on the NFIP map; copies of either can be obtained from FEMA's Website <http://msc/fema.gov> or by calling 1-800-358-9616. If no NFIP Community Number exists for the community, enter "none."

**B. NFIP DATA AFFECTING BUILDING/MOBILE HOME**

The information in this section (excluding the LOMA/LOMR information) is obtained by reviewing the NFIP map on which the building/mobile home is located. The current NFIP map may be obtained from FEMA by calling 1-800-358-9616. Scanned copies of the NFIP maps can be viewed on FEMA's website at <http://msc.fema.gov>. Note that even when an NFIP map panel is not printed, it may be reflected on a community's NFIP map index with its proper number, date, and flood zone indicated; enter these data accordingly.

1. NFIP Map Number or Community-Panel Number. Enter the 11-digit number shown on the NFIP map that covers the building or mobile home. (Examples: 480214 0022C; 58103C0075F). Some older maps will have a 9-digit number (Example: 12345601A). Note that the first six digits will not match the NFIP Community Number when the sixth digit is a "C" or when one community has annexed land from another but the NFIP map has not yet been updated to reflect this annexation. When the sixth digit is a "C", the NFIP map is in countywide format and shows the flood hazards for the geographic areas of the county on one map, including flood hazards for incorporated communities and for any unincorporated county contained within the county's geographic limits. Such countywide maps will list an NFIP Map Number. For maps not in such countywide format, the NFIP will list a Community-Panel Number on each panel. If no NFIP map is in effect for the location of the building or mobile home, enter "none."

2. NFIP Map Panel Effective/Revised Date. Enter the map effective date or the map revised date shown on the NFIP map. (Example: 6/15/93) This will be the latest of all dates shown on the map.

3. LOMA/LOMR. If a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) has been issued by FEMA since the current Map Panel Effective/Revised Date that revises the flood hazards affecting the building or mobile home, check "yes" and specify the date of the letter; otherwise, no entry is required. Information on LOMAs and LOMRs is available from the following sources:

\* The community's official copy of its NFIP map should have a copy of all subsequently-issued LOMAs and LOMRs attached to it.

\* For LOMAs and LOMRs issued on or after October 1, 1994, FEMA publishes a list of these letters twice a year as a compendium in the Federal Register. This information is also available on FEMA's website at <http://msc.fema.gov>.

\* A subscription service providing digitized copies of these letters on CD-ROM is also available by calling 1-800-358-9616.

4. Flood Zone. Enter the flood zone(s) covering the building or mobile home. (Examples: A, AE, A4, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/AO, V, VE, V12, AH, AO, B, C, X, D) If any part of the building or mobile home is within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the entire building or mobile home is considered to be in the SFHA. All flood zones beginning with the letter "A" or "V" are considered Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Each flood zone is defined in the legend of the NFIP map on which it appears. If there is no NFIP map for the subject area, enter "none."

5. No NFIP Map. If no NFIP map covers the area where the building or mobile home is located, check this box.

C. FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE AVAILABILITY. Check all boxes that apply; however, note that boxes 1 (Federal Flood Insurance is available ...) and 2 (Federal Flood Insurance is not available ...) are mutually exclusive. Federal flood insurance is available to all residents of a community that participates in the NFIP. Community participation status can be determined by consulting the NFIP Community Status Book, which is available from FEMA and at <http://www.fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm>. The NFIP Community Status Book will indicate whether or not the community is participating in the NFIP and whether participation is in the Emergency or Regular Program. If the community participates in the NFIP, check either Regular Program or Emergency Program. To obtain Federal flood insurance, a copy of this completed form may be provided to an insurance agent.

Federal flood insurance is prohibited in designated Coastal Barrier Resources Areas (CBRA) and Otherwise Protected Areas (OPAs) for buildings or mobile homes built or substantially improved after the date of the CBRA or OPA designation. Information about the Coastal Barrier Resources System may be obtained on FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/nfipkeywords/cbrs.shtm>

D. DETERMINATION. If any portion of the building/mobile home is in an identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), check yes (flood insurance is required). If no portion of the building/mobile home is in an identified SFHA, check no. If no NFIP map exists for the community, check no. If no NFIP map exists, Section B5 should also be checked.

E. COMMENTS. Optional.

F. PREPARER'S INFORMATION. If other than the lender, enter the name, address, and telephone number of the company or organization performing the flood hazard determination. An individual's name may be included, but is not required.

Date of Determination. Enter date on which flood hazard determination was completed.

MULTIPLE BUILDINGS: If the loan collateral includes more than one building, a schedule for the additional buildings/mobile homes indicating the determination for each may be attached. Otherwise, a separate form must be completed for each building or mobile home. Any attachments should be noted in the comment section. A separate flood insurance policy is required for each building or mobile home.

GUARANTEES REGARDING INFORMATION: Determinations on this form made by persons other than the lender are acceptable only to the extent that the accuracy of the information is guaranteed.

FORM AVAILABILITY: Copies of this form are available from the FEMA fax-on-demand line by calling (202) 646-FEMA and requesting form #23103. Guidance on using the form in a printed, computerized, or electronic format is contained in form #23110. This information is also available on FEMA's website [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm\\_form.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm_form.shtm).

PURPOSE OF FORM: In accordance with P.L. 103-325, Sec. 1365, (b) (1), this form has been designated to facilitate compliance with the flood insurance purchase requirements of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994.