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Re: Local Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
Adoption of Preliminary Work Maps

Dear Mayors and Local Floodplain Administrator:

This is in reference to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preliminary Work Maps for Atlantic, Hudson, Monmouth and Ocean Counties and the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:13, which incorporate the use of the Preliminary Work Maps in determining flood elevations. Under N.J.A.C. 7:13, flood elevations are now determined either using: (1) the higher of the Preliminary Work Maps, the effective BFE, or the design flood elevation shown on DEP flood maps; or (2) site-specific calculations that demonstrate a different flood elevation.

Should your community wish to amend your local ordinance to reflect the Preliminary Work Maps, then a generic Preliminary Work Map Model Ordinance language document can be found at the DEP flood control website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/modelords>. The model ordinance contains only the minimum requirements accepted by FEMA and the State of New Jersey.

Please forward to our office within ten (10) days a designated contact person and their contact information. Also, please forward a draft copy of any proposed ordinance to my office prior to introduction, for our review. After adoption, please forward **two (2) certified, signed and sealed** copies of the ordinance to this office so that I can report back to FEMA that your municipality has adopted a new ordinance.

Should you have any questions or need the model ordinance document in Microsoft Word® format, please contact A. Chris Gould at (609) 292-2296 or alan.gould@dep.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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