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Federal Budget Update—Transfer of Flood Mitigation Assistance Funds for DHS reorganization

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) has recently alerted its members of a threat to the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. FEMA is transferring funds to pay for the reorganizational expenses of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). These are funds that are specifically authorized and appropriated by Congress to support flood mitigation projects. They are not taxpayer funds, but are obtained from flood insurance policy holder premium income.

Some states have been notified that FY02 monies will not be available for projects already approved by FEMA, and that FY03 funds may be halved.

ASFPM has issued a letter to Joe Allbaugh, FEMA Director, strongly protesting this action. The following points were made:

- That it is inappropriate to tap funds explicitly authorized for very specific purposes;
- That the proposed transfer of a total of \$10.6 million (or more?) of NFIP funds (regardless of

whether from the NFIP or the FMA Fund) unfairly and disproportionately burdens the 4.36 million flood insurance policyholders to pay for a reorganization that affects a government agency that serves the entire U.S. population of 290 million;

- That disrupting the planning and grant cycle so dramatically will discourage communities and property owners from participating in mitigation in the future. This will result in continuing the drain on the NFIP caused by repetitive loss claims.
- That such an action does not portend well for mitigation as a priority in the new Department of Homeland Security. This was a concern of many in Congress and elsewhere during the entire debate on putting FEMA into DHS.

Flood losses continue to increase, and funds, dedicated to reducing flood losses, should be used for that purpose.

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ANNUAL SPRING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

The Spring Technical Conference is right around the corner! Mark your calendar for March 11 at the Moore-Norman Technology Center. The Conference Flyer has been included on Pages 2 and 3 of the BFE. Registration forms are included.

OOPS! - In the November 2002 issue of the BFE, credit for the No Adverse Impact campaign was given to FEMA. No Adverse Impact is the initiative of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Sorry for the mistake.

Conference Date:
March 11, 2003

Conference Location:
**Moore-Norman
Technology Center**

<http://www.mntechology.com>

Conference Fee:
**\$40 OFMA members
\$50 non-members**

At the close of the Conference, we will be offering a short, supplemental test for those pioneer OCFMs wanting to become nationally accredited CFMs. It is FREE!!!

The Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Exam will also be offered to pre-approved candidates following the conference.

For more information, contact Carolyn Schultz at (918) 669-4919.

Consider joining an OFMA committee:

- Mapping/Engineering
- Mitigation
- Public Education
- Conference
- Legislative

Committee breakfast meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. Please let us know on the registration form if you plan to attend.

Annual Spring Conference of the
Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

“The Planning Process - Achieving Our Goals”

(8 CEC's)

Please join us at the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association Spring Conference! This one-day floodplain management training session will include committee meetings, plenary and breakout sessions, lunch, and door prizes. The CFM exam and supplemental exam for OCFMs will be offered at the conclusion of the conference. See the conference schedule on back. Committee breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the registration fee. Please fill out and return the registration form below.

Choose from 3 concurrent sessions:

- Floodplain 101
- Map Revision
- Planning Process

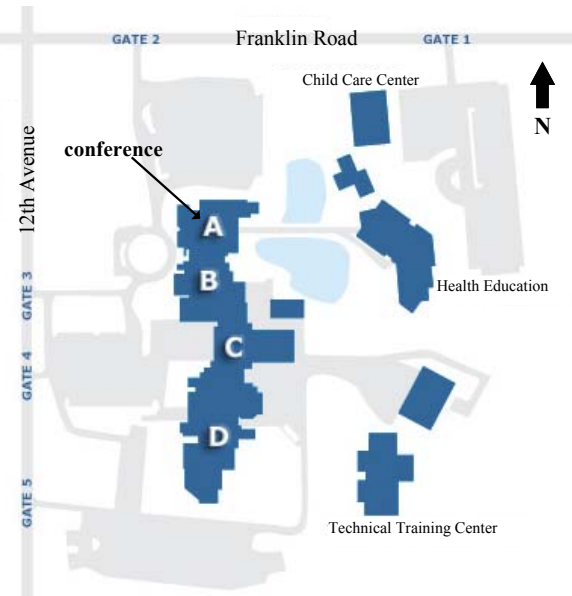
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- Merge onto US-77
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- Take I-35 north to the Tecumseh Road exit
- Turn left onto Tecumseh Road
- Turn left onto US 77 (Flood)
- Turn right (east) onto W Franklin Road



Please detach registration form and mail to OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101

REGISTRATION — 2003 OFMA Spring Conference

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I am interested in taking the supplemental CFM exam!

I plan to attend a breakfast committee meeting.

- Mapping Education Legislative
 Mitigation Conference Certification

2003 OFMA Spring Conference Agenda

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETINGS		
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	REGISTRATION Coffee—Juice—Cinnamon Rolls		
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	WELCOME & PLENARY SESSION Drawings for Door Prizes		
9:30 – 9:40 a.m.	BREAK		
BREAK OUT SESSIONS			
	Floodplain 101	Map Revision Process	Planning Process
9:40 – 10:40 a.m.	Floodplain Ordinance Lonnie Ward, CFM, FEMA	General MT-1 Processing Chris Penny, PBS&J	Why Do We Need to Plan? Dewberry Design Group
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.	BREAK		
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	The Permitting Process Ken Morris, OCFM, OWRB	MT-1 Processing for Zone A Areas Chris Penny, PBS&J	Hazard Mitigation Connie Dill, ODCEM
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH Guest Keynote Speaker: Lanny R. Miller, NRCS (12:30 – 12:45 p.m.)		
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	How to Determine the BFE Hank Elling, PE, CFM, OWRB	When 65.12 is Required for LOMRs Nick Ganch, PBS&J	GIS – How It Fits Into the Planning Process Jim Leach, CFM, USACE
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	BREAK		
2:30 – 3:15 p.m.	Floodplain Management Joe Remondini, PE, CFM, USACE	General MT-2 Processing Nick Ganch, PBS&J	Example Plan Summary Robert Bigham, CFM, City of Lawton Nancy Wade, CFM, City of Bartlesville
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	BREAK and refreshments		
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	CLOSING PLENARY SESSION NFIP Report General Membership Meeting Committee Reports Closing Remarks Drawings for Door Prizes		
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Certified Floodplain Manager Exam Certified Floodplain Manager Supplemental Exam (for OCFMs)		

This conference is worth 8 CECs!



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OEMA www.angelfire.com/ok2/oema

ODCEM www.onenet.net/~odcem

Corps of Engineers (USACE)
www.swt.usace.army.mil

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
ok.water.usgs.gov

Advanced Study Institute
web.uccs.edu/geogenvs/natoasi

CLOMR/LOMR Forms:
www.fema.gov/forms/forms.htm

EPA NPDES Phase II site:
www.epa.gov/npdes/

SMRC Stormwater Mgr Resource Center: www.stormwatercenter.net

Webmaster: Hank Elling, P.E., CFM (580) 248-7762 hcelling@owrb.state.ok.us

Calendar of Educational Opportunities

- **OSLS Spring Conference**, March 5-8, 2003; Contact: OSLS, P. O. Box 720126, Oklahoma City, OK 73172; 405-721-7222; Email: osls@osls.org; www.osls.org.
- **Arkansas Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP**; March 10-14, 2003; Contact Jason Donham (501) 682-3907
- **AFMA Spring Conference**; May 1-2, 2003; Radison Poco Diablo Resort, 1752 S. Highway 179, Sedona, Arizona; For more information, check out www.azfma.org.
- **Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**; May 3-8, 2003, St. Louis, MO. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608) 274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **NFIP Training**; Midwest City, OK May 6, 2003; Muskogee, OK, May 7, 2003; Bartlesville, OK, May 8, 2003; Woodward, OK, May 20, 2003; Lawton, OK, May 22, 2003; McAlester, OK, May 28, 2003; for more information, call 405-530-8800.
- **NFIP 2003 National Flood Conference**; May 27-30, 2003 in San Francisco; contact Catherine King at (301)918-1439.
- **OFMA Annual Fall Conference**, Sep 22-24, 2003: Location to be announced. Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; website: www.okflood.org*
- **OWRB Floodplain 101 Workshop**, Location to be announced, Sept 24-25, 2003, for more information, call 405-530-8800.
- **OWRB Managing Floodplain Development Through the NFIP**; January 12-16, 2004, Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; website: www.okflood.org*

Notes From the Executive Director

Ken Morris, OFMA Executive Director and State Floodplain Manager for Oklahoma.

I want to spotlight "*The B.F.E.*" in this issue. This newsletter contains valuable information for the local floodplain manager as well as OFMA members. There are many educational opportunities throughout the year that allows you to earn continuing education credits. Please take time to see which training function you can attend to maintain your accreditation and schedule it now. By planning ahead you can ensure you will earn the CECs you need to increase your professional development and maintain your CFM or OCFM.

On February 12, 2003, I hope to see you at the State Capitol in rooms 412 A & B. This will be **OFMA's 7th Legislative Reception & the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association** is joining OFMA to help us deliver our message to key decision makers about our mutual goals of wise development and long range planning. Join us at the Capitol on the 12th for this special event and enjoy some of Jamil's

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HELP WANTED MITIGATION COMMITTEE

The Mitigation Committee needs you! Mitigation is the cornerstone of emergency management, defined in our Guidebook as "...sustained action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects." In practice mitigation is many things. Please share some of "those things" with the committee. For example, tell us how you are promoting sound land use planning to reduce flood hazards; How you are developing, adopting, and enforcing building codes and standards; What you are doing to relocate or elevate structures in the floodplain; How are you promoting flood insurance in your community? You're in the trenches, doing the job, without praise or recognition. Share your story with the Mitigation Committee. Send to Jim Coffey CFM, City of Bixby, P O Box 70, Bixby, OK 74008, or e-mail jcoffey@olp.net. You would be a great member of the Mitigation Committee. Sign up today.

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Steakhouse treats as well. OFMA is continuing its primary message of required annual training.

The OFMA Spring Conference/Workshop is planned for March 11, 2003, at the Moore Norman Technology Center. This year's theme is **"The Planning Process: Achieving Our Goals"**. Those attending the full day of training will earn 8 CECs and gain some valuable training in the map revision process including MT-1s, MT-2s, CLOMRs, CLOMAs, etc. Anna Waggoner, Robert Hitt, Andy Kincaid & I worked together to develop this spring program for you. Come and learn with us on March 11th as we learn more about floodplain management. A little extra time has been worked into the agenda to give us more network time between sessions. Networking continues to be one of the best ways to share experiences and become better floodplain managers.

A special one-day workshop is planned for February 13, 2003, at the Payne County Expo Center east of Stillwater on SH 51. This one-day **Floodplain Management 101 Workshop** was scheduled to provide training to newly appointed floodplain board members and others that would like additional training. Thanks to Andy Kincaid for inviting OWRB & FEMA staff to provide this training at this very nice training facility in Payne County.

Please remember we should all learn and change our direction from time to time. A current popular country and western song spouts, **"I am a work in progress"**. This seems more true to me today than ever before. God Bless and take care.

Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Vision

Floodplains are for floodwaters, habitat, water quality enhancement and recreation.

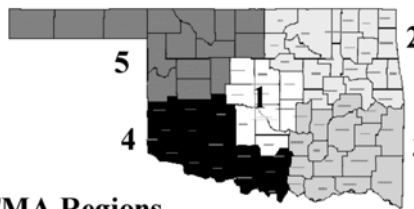
Mission

We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

Saving lives from floods and reducing property loss from floods are paramount to us.

An Invitation to Join OFMA

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.



OFMA Regions

The best investment that \$30.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

OFMA Membership Application

Name: _____ Company/Organization: _____
 Title: _____ Address: _____
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New Member: Renewal:
 Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5

- Committees:
- Mitigation Floodplain Regulations
 - Flood Insurance Mapping & Engineering
 - Flood Proofing Stormwater Management
 - Research

Dues Schedule:

First-Year dues are probated depending on the quarter during which you join. The fiscal year start October 1st and ends September 30th.

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Full Membership	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.50
Student Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Associate Membership	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
Agency Membership (Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
Corporate Sponsor	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00



January CFM® Corner

Web Based Training for CFM Program CECs

ASFPM is negotiating a contract with Red Vector to offer web based courses for CECs on the web. Any ASFPM members who would like to convert a training course they teach into web based training offerings should contact Red Vector www.redvector.com or asfpm@floods.org Course authors receive royalties. The ASFPM office will review each course to determine the appropriate number of CECs. Remember that course offerings can be in either core or parallel disciplines. More information will follow in the next issue of the Insider.

CFM Program Promotional Article is Available

The CBOR has created a promotional article for the CFM Program. It is a two page article that explains the basics about the program and encourages participation. Please contact the ASFPM Office if you are interested in publishing it in your organization's newsletter or you can circulate it to an email list of other organizations or your state. We suggest your municipal league, counties or cities associations, as well as any newsletter put out by related state agencies to local elected staff persons would be good sources. The article is available in a "pdf" file (with graphics and color!) or in a Word file (text only).

FEMA Floodplain management Training Focus Group to Meet

Early next year FEMA will be hosting a Focus Group meeting to develop a comprehensive plan to identify subject matter, structure for training development and delivery of floodplain management training. Phone interviews of state and local floodplain managers have already been conducted. A final report with an approved list of task assignments and budget should be available in time for the St. Louis Conference. If you have specific comments or requests, please contact Bill Lesser as soon as possible at bill.lesser@fema.gov or 202-646-2807.

Promote Your Success...

We will again be preparing a "CFM Program Success Stories" graphic to be presented throughout the St. Louis Conference in May. If you have a certification success story to share, please forward it to the Executive Office. By "success story" we mean: recognition by your peers/agency, promotion or raise, NFIP or CRS participation strengthened... Please contact Wendy Blackwell at ecoplanning@pobox.com with your story!

Marsha Hilmes-Robinson – CFM Success Story

Marsha Hilmes-Robinson is the Floodplain Administrator in the Utilities Department for the City of Fort Collins, CO. As a result of obtaining her CFM designation, an announcement was placed in the Fort Collins utilities Department newsletter. In addition Marsha received a 4% raise. Congratulations Marsha on a job well done!

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