

State and county	Location	Dates and name of newspaper where notice was published	Chief executive officer of community	Effective date of modification	Community number
Florida: Manatee (FEMA Docket No. D-7539).	Unincorporated Areas.	Feb. 28, 2003, Mar. 7, 2003, <i>Bradenton Herald</i> .	Mr. Ernie Padgett, Manatee County Administrator, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, P.O. Box 1000, Bradentown, Florida 34206.	Feb. 20, 2003 .....	120153 C
Florida: Orange (FEMA Docket No. D-7539).	Unincorporated Areas.	Mar. 5, 2003, Mar. 12, 2003, <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> .	M. Krishnamurthy, P.E., Ph.D., Orange County Stormwater, Management Manager, 4200 South John Young Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32839.	Feb. 25, 2003 .....	120179 E
Florida: Pinellas (FEMA Docket No. D-7539).	Unincorporated Areas.	Feb. 27, 2003, Mar. 6, 2003, <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> .	Mr. Stephen Spratt, Pinellas County Administrator, 318 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756.	Feb. 19, 2003 .....	125139 E
Georgia: Gwinnett (FEMA Docket No. D-7539).	Unincorporated Areas.	Mar. 6, 2003, Mar. 13, 2003, <i>Gwinnett Daily Post</i> .	Mr. F. Wayne Hill, Chairman of the Gwinnett County, Board of Commissioners, Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045.	Feb. 21, 2003 .....	130322 E
New Jersey: Union (FEMA Docket No. D-7537).	Township of Berkeley Heights.	Feb. 2, 2003, Feb. 10, 2003, <i>The Courier—News</i> .	The Honorable David A. Cohen, Mayor of the Township of Berkeley Heights, 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922.	May 12, 2003 .....	340459 E
North Carolina: Durham (FEMA Docket No. D-7539).	Unincorporated Areas.	Apr. 4, 2003, Apr. 11, 2003, <i>The Herald-Sun</i> .	Mr. Michael M. Ruffin, Durham County Manager, 200 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Durham, North Carolina 27701.	July 11, 2003 .....	370085 G

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance.")

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### 44 CFR Part 65

[Docket No. FEMA-D-7545]

#### Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Interim rule.

**SUMMARY:** This interim rule lists communities where modification of the base (1% annual chance) flood elevations is appropriate because of new scientific or technical data. New flood insurance premium rates will be calculated from the modified base flood elevations for new buildings and their contents.

**DATES:** These modified base flood elevations are currently in effect on the dates listed in the table and revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMs) in effect prior to this determination for each listed community.

From the date of the second publication of these changes in a newspaper of local circulation, any person has ninety (90) days in which to request through the community that the Director reconsider the changes. The modified elevations may be changed during the 90-day period.

**ADDRESSES:** The modified base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Bellomo, P.E., Hazard Identification Section, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2903.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The modified base flood elevations are not listed for each community in this interim rule. However, the address of the Chief Executive Officer of the community where the modified base flood elevation determinations are available for inspection is provided.

Any request for reconsideration must be based upon knowledge of changed conditions, or upon new scientific or technical data.

The modifications are made pursuant to section 201 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, and with 44 CFR part 65.

For rating purposes, the currently effective community number is shown and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modified base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

These modified elevations, 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.

The changes in base flood elevations are in accordance with 44 CFR 65.4.

**National Environmental Policy Act.** This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act.** The Mitigation Division Director of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate certifies that this rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4105, and are required to maintain community eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program. No regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared.

**Regulatory Classification.** This interim rule is not a significant