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Comments needed for FEMA's draft policy on Agriculture Structures in the Floodplain

FEMA recently released a draft policy that potentially affects many, if not most, communities. The FEMA draft policy on Floodplain Management Requirements for Agricultural Structures and Accessory Structures is available at:

<https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management>

ASFPM encourages members to review and comment to FEMA by the **Jan. 21, 2019 deadline.**

ASFPM will also submit comments. Please send a copy of your comments to us by **Jan. 14** at InsuranceCorner@floods.org, so we can summarize and reinforce the concerns and recommendations of our membership.

State Coordinator's Update

Everything that exists had a starting point...including you. Physical life is one of many starting points. Your formal education had a starting point. Your career had a starting point. Your romantic life had a starting point. Your experience as a parent had a starting point. Local floodplain management has a starting point as well.

The floodplain management journey normally starts with a supervisor telling you that you are going to handle floodplain management duties. The flip side is that no one tells you and you get a surprise announcement. Sometimes you are given building blocks to start the path other times you are handed nothing and you cobble it together based upon your experiences both good and bad.

The framework for floodplain management centers on three key aspects, mapping, regulations and insurance. The three key duties that a floodplain administrator performs include issuing a floodplain development permit, obtaining a site plan and reviewing a FEMA Elevation Certificate based on Final Construction.

With the New Year upon us, my hope is to reignite interest and participation in statewide trainings and outreach. Please remember that when a floodplain administrator has technical questions, the preferred method is to email or call me and ask questions. Floodplain management should be a team effort and working together will increase a community's confidence and comfort level. Wishing you and yours a great year!

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Amy Miller, CFM

FROM THE CHAIR....

Welcome to the beginning of a great, new year. The Tennessee Association of Floodplain Management had a great year this past year, offering regional training, training and certification for our Certified Floodplain Surveyor program, and a great conference (record attendance!!) at the Marriott in Chattanooga. We will hold our conference at the same location this year, from July 31 to August 2, while monitoring progress on the new conference center at Fall Creek Falls State Park. If you have questions or ideas for our annual meeting, please let us know! We want to accommodate your needs for your community. Be thinking about presenting about a project that your community or your engineering firm has worked on this year....we want to showcase your great ideas for the benefit of all of our members.

We will continue to hold our regional training this year, but there will not be the MTAS training that Amy Miller has conducted over the last several years. That makes it even more important to register and attend at the regional sessions, or to attend our annual conference, in order to complete your continuing education requirements to maintain your CFM Certification.

Is this your year to become a Certified Floodplain Manager? We will offer several opportunities to take the CFM Exam this year, including opportunities in each of our Regions, and at our annual conference in Chattanooga. There is a great new Study Guide on the ASFPM website, floods.org, that will help you master the body of knowledge that makes up the areas of practice in floodplain management. Please start early, and study regularly, as you prepare to take the exam.

The national ASFPM Conference will be held in Cleveland Ohio this year, during the week of May 19-23. Registration for conference hotels is already open, so start the dialogue with your boss now!! This is a great educational opportunity to become a more knowledgeable floodplain manager. We'd love to see you there.

As always, please let us know how we can support you.

ROGER LINDSEY, PE, CFM



- 1** One of your biggest resources is the State of Tennessee NFIP website, which has a new home!

<https://www.tn.gov/tema/nfip-national-flood-insurance-program.html>

Here you can find technical bulletins, technical guides, insurance information, mapping information, and your second amazing resource:

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Each other!!!

On the Tennessee NFIP website is the [Statewide Floodplain Administrator Directory](#).

Your fellow FPAs know what you're going through and have probably handled some of the same situations that you have. Make sure to attend the annual conference or one of the regional trainings for a great networking opportunity!

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Even if you're not a member, you can access [newsletters](#) and many other publications at the [ASFPM website](#). ASFPM regularly hosts webinars for a small fee, and also has a [free training library](#). Explore the website – there is a wealth of information waiting for you!

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Emergency Management Institute

EMI has a multitude of classes for emergency management, floodplain management, planning, GIS for emergency managers, HAZUS, CRS, and the list goes on! – check out their [class schedule](#) for 2019.

More Resources:

[FEMA floodplain mapping information](#)

[Ordinance Cheatsheet](#)

[TN Letter of Map Change Automated Status page](#)

[FEMA 480: Floodplain Management Requirements: A Study Guide and Desk Reference for Local Officials](#)

[TEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs](#)



QUESTION:

When is a floodproofing certificate required?

FEMA P-936 states that the Floodproofing Certificate is submitted as part of the application and has three sections:

- Section I: FIRM information, including community number, map panel number, date of the FIRM index, flood zone, and BFE.
- Section II: Floodproofing information. The designer is required to identify the floodproofing design elevation and the height of the floodproofing measures above the lowest adjacent grade.
- Section III: Certification by the design professional licensed in the State where the project is located. The designer signs to certify that the dry floodproofed area of the building, together with attendant utilities and sanitary facilities, will be watertight to the floodproofed design elevation indicated, with walls that are substantially impermeable to the passage of water. The designer is also required to certify that all structural components are capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic flood forces, including the effects of buoyance, and anticipated debris impact forces.

The designer provides copies of the completed certificate to the community floodplain administrator. Communities are required to maintain copies of design certifications as part of their commitment to the NFIP.

Dry floodproofed properties are eligible for insurance only if floodproofing extends to 1 foot above the BFE; 44 CFR §60.3 (c)(3) requires floodproofing to the BFE.

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Not an ASFPM Member Yet? The Benefits may Surprise You!

Many ASFPM members initially joined the association for the discount to [our annual national conference](#), the one place you can go to learn about all aspects of floodplain management: natural processes, human behavior, risk analysis, actuarial insurance ratings, engineering analyses of flooding and mitigation, economic analyses of policy decisions and public policy.



Others joined for the [CFM](#) exam discount (a \$480 price tag for non-members, and only \$100 for members). But soon realized they now belonged to a community of nearly 7,000 fellow “floodies,” passionate experts who are always ready to mentor and lend advice on navigating the sometimes tricky waters of floodplain management.

Not all members are floodplain managers. Many were exposed to ASFPM through their work at universities, federal agencies and the private sector, which brings a unique perspective to our 14 policy committees. Members provide direct input to federal programs/agencies, write white papers and develop tools for locals. [This work can advance the floodplain management profession, and even change national flood policy.](#)

ASFPM is an organization that helps you broaden your knowledge base through discounted [webinars](#) and specialty workshops, as well as working on and exploring problems with fellow professionals.

You'll build confidence in your ability to do your job effectively, train other professionals, and share knowledge with elected officials and your community.

Our [website](#) is packed with resources, tools, reports and publications and available to anyone because a big part of our mission is to educate. If communities use these resources to strengthen their resilience against floods, then we've just fulfilled another aspect of our mission. But as an ASFPM member, you'll hear about these resources first through our members-only newsletter "The Insider" and member alerts.

And if you're a full-time college student wanting to get a jump start on professional development in the ever-growing flood risk and reduction field, ASFPM offers \$30 student memberships (and you get most of the same benefits as a regular membership).

If you still need convincing, [read what our members are saying about the value of an ASFPM membership](#). Ready to join? [Sign up here and begin enjoying your benefits today](#).



'Tis the season to be... nominating your flood-risk management rock stars!

Every year at ASFPM's annual national conference, we honor professionals who are doing the floodplain management profession proud. Below is a reminder of our categories.

Let's nominate any floodplain administrators in Tennessee
for the amazing work they do!

[Please get your nominations in before Feb. 1, 2019](#)

The link above lists the nomination categories.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of ways that you can get involved with the TN AFPM beyond simple membership and event attendance. We have activities going on behind the scenes all year long! While we are still working to build an official set of committees...there are a number of opportunities to start getting involved.

Below is a brief list with points of contact to get you started. If you'd like to help with something that isn't specifically listed...don't let that stop you from speaking up. Contact any of the board members and let us know what you're interested in...and we'll do what we can to make it work.

Newsletter - Jamie Tyson (jamie.tyson@aecom.com).

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The graphic features a background of stylized, swirling waves in various shades of blue and teal. In the center, a large light blue circle with a yellow border contains the text 'TN AFPM ANNUAL CONFERENCE' in bold black letters, followed by 'JULY 31 - AUG 2, 2019' and 'CHATTANOOGA, TN' in yellow letters. Below the circle is a yellow ribbon banner with the text '10 YEARS!' in bold black letters. At the bottom, a white rectangular box contains a paragraph of text.

**TN AFPM
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

**JULY 31 -
AUG 2, 2019
CHATTANOOGA, TN**

10 YEARS!

We are excited to host our 10th annual conference this year in Chattanooga at the Marriott Downtown. Please mark your calendars and join us for this ten-year anniversary event providing educational opportunity for floodplain administrators, community leaders, and technical professionals throughout the State of Tennessee to stay informed of current floodplain and stormwater management issues.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Everyone wishing to share their floodplain management experiences, projects, or success stories and present at this year's annual conference is invited to submit an abstract with the following information:

- Title of Presentation
- Description of Project/Topic
- Requested Time Allotment – 20 or 45 minutes
- Author(s) name and brief biography
- Author(s) contact information - telephone and e-mail address

Presentations are selected at the discretion of the TN AFPM Board of Directors and are grouped into 1½ hour time slots, allowing each speaker 20 to 45 minutes, with time for questions at the end.

All selected presenters will receive a \$25 discount with conference registration!

Abstracts should be submitted by March 29th to: cindy.popplewell@amecfw.com

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Website registration link coming soon!

Full Registration

Early Registration.....	\$175
Late (after July 1st)	\$250
Student Registration	\$100

One Day Only - Thursday

Early Registration.....	\$100
Late (July 1st)	\$150
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Exhibitors/Sponsors

Early Registration.....	\$350
Late (July 1st)	\$500

Includes single booth space, 1 conference registration, and sponsor listing and logo in the conference program and on the TN AFPM website.



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