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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

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SUBJECT: HUD's Proposed Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Rule

Dear Tribal Leader:

On August 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) completed Tribal consultation on the proposed Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Rule (FFRMS). HUD is now seeking public comment on the recently published proposed rule that intends to protect communities and taxpayer investments from current and future flooding. Information on how and where to submit comments can be found in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [here](#). The public comment period ends on May 23, 2023.

### **Background**

HUD's proposed rule addresses requirements of both Executive Order (E.O.) 13690, *Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input* and EO 14030, *Climate-Related Financial Risk*.

Key elements of HUD's proposed rule include:

- establishing a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA) as the preferred method to determine the FFRMS Floodplain,
- expanding the floodplain of concern (currently 100-year floodplain) **both** vertically and horizontally,
- revising HUD's Minimum Property Standards for one-to-four unit single family housing under the FHA mortgage insurance program and revising minimum elevation of structure requirements above the floodplain for new and substantially improved low-rent public housing program recipients; and
- expanding applicability of floodplain determinations to include **both current and projected flooding risks** under the longstanding floodplain management 8-step decision making process.

Additionally, we will be hosting live information and listening sessions where interested members of the public and stakeholder groups may provide oral or written comments on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>. Each session will be hosted from 3:00-4:30 PM EST. Registration information for the sessions can be found at the links below. All content presented across all sessions will remain the same, however, to maximize attendance we encourage your participation at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> session.

- **FFRMS Information and listening Session – Federally Recognized Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and Alaskan Native Attendees- Registration Link (May 2, 2023):**

[May 2nd FFRMS Information and Listening Session Registration](#)

- **FFRMS Informational Session – Open Public Forum - Registration Link (May 15, 2023):**

[May 15th FFRMS Information and Listening Session Registration](#)

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The public can enter the Portal by clicking Submit a Formal Comment on the [Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands; Minimum Property Standards for Flood Hazard Exposure; Building to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard](#) Federal Register notice. Comments are due on or before May 23, 2023.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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