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Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Final Rule Webinar Series

On April 23, 2024, the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) published the final rule, *Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands; Minimum Property Standards for Flood Hazard Exposure; Building to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard*, [[Docket No. FR-6272-F-02](#)] in the Federal Register.

HUD's OEE invites FHA program participants to attend its webinar series on the [final rule](#). This webinar series covers HUD's new [Federal Flood Risk Management Standard \(FFRMS\) Final Rule](#), published on April 23, 2024, which modifies HUD's floodplain management regulations to better address flood risk.

The first session of the series provides background on FFRMS and comprehensive guidance on changes made to [24 CFR Part 55](#), including HUD's FFRMS approach, limitations on HUD assistance in floodplains, exceptions to the Rule, and the eight-step decision-making process.

The second session of the series expands on changes made to 24 CFR Part 55, including protection of wetlands, flood insurance, notification of flood hazards, public posting, categorical exclusion and provides guidance on changes made to [24 CFR Part 200: Minimum Property Standards](#). Both presentations will be followed by a Q&A session.

Objectives

- Learn what is included the new [24 CFR Part 55](#) and [Part 200](#).
- Understand how the FFRMS Floodplain is defined and other new terminology.
- Hear examples from the field about how changes to the new Final Rule will affect the environmental review process.

Audience

This webinar series is intended for HUD grantees, recipients, applicants, and associated stakeholders. Part two of the series is also intended for these stakeholders along with participants of **Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single family programs covered under 24 CFR Part 200.**

Schedule and Registration

| Webinar Title | Date and Time | Registration |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Session I: Part 55 Overview and Compliance | May 30, 2024 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT | Register Now |
| Session II: Part 200 Overview, Protection of Wetlands, Flood Insurance, and Notifications | June 13, 2024 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT | TBD |

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For FHA Single Family mortgage insurance programs, the final rule revises HUD's Minimum Property Standards (MPS) to require that, for one- to four-unit mortgaged properties that are new construction and located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the lowest floor of the new construction be at least two feet above base flood elevation (BFE). This requirement adds two feet of additional elevation to FHA's existing MPS requirement as a resilience standard, though many jurisdictions already require homes in SFHAs to be elevated one or more feet above BFE. The requirement does not apply to the rehabilitation of existing structures with 203(k) insured financing, or the purchase of manufactured homes insured under FHA Single Family programs.

Contact

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