

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Changes to Base Flood Elevations Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

SUMMARY: On September 29, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in the Unincorporated Areas of Escambia County, Florida, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Mitigation Directorate has determined that modification of the Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) for certain locations in this community is appropriate.

DATES: Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in a newspaper of local circulation in your community, any person has 90 days in which he or she can request, through the Chief Executive Officer of the community, that the Mitigation Directorate reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Mitigation Directorate's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

ADDRESSES: Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify:

Unincorporated Areas of Escambia County

The Honorable Kevin White
Chair, Board of Commissioners
Post Office Box 1951
Pensacola, FL 32502

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-4064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A coastal analysis was performed to incorporate updated topographic information and has resulted in a decrease in SFHA width and decreased BFEs for Gulf of Mexico, approximately 2,100 feet west and 470 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane to approximately 2,830 feet west and 1,220 feet south. The table below indicates existing and modified BFEs for selected locations along the affected lengths of the flooding source(s) cited above.

* Elevation in feet
(NGVD)¹
+ Elevation in feet
(NAVD)²
Depth in feet above

ground ³
 ^ Elevation in meters
 (MSL) ⁴

Source of Flooding	Location	Lat/Long Coordinates	Existing BFE	Modified BFE	Affected Communities
Gulf of Mexico					Unincorporated Areas of Escambia County
	Approximately 2,470 feet west and 670 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane	30° 17' 04.67" -87° 29' 54.75"	+ 14	+ 12	
	Approximately 2,470 feet west and 750 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane	30° 17' 04.08" -87° 29' 58.83"	+ 16	+ 12	
	Approximately 2,470 feet west and 600 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane	30° 17' 05.54" -87° 29' 56.48"	+ 13	+ 12	
	Approximately 2,470 feet west and 860 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane	30° 17' 03.11" -87° 29' 56.25"	+ 16	+ 13	
	Approximately 2,250 feet west and 666 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane	30° 17' 04.61" -87° 29' 56.44"	+ 14	+ 13	
	Approximately 2,470 feet west and 1,050 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 292 and Gulfview Lane	30° 17' 00.98" -87° 29' 56.48"	+ 16	+ 14	

All elevations referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD).

¹National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole foot

²North American Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole foot

³Depth in feet above ground, rounded to nearest whole foot

⁴Mean Sea Level, rounded to the nearest 0.1 meter

The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Mitigation Directorate must develop criteria for floodplain management. To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.