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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators
and the NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: FEMA Announces Change in Notification Method for
New or Modified Base Flood Elevations

Please distribute the following information from FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Division within your organization as appropriate.

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In accordance with Part 67 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes a notice to all citizens when a new or revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is prepared and FEMA proposes new or modified Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) for a community on that FIRM, including revisions that are effected by Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). FEMA's notice describes the proposed changes and lists the existing BFEs, proposed BFEs, and/or proposed modified BFEs for a community. The notice is published twice within a 10-day period in the community's local newspaper, and the statutorily required 90-day appeal period begins on the date of the second publication in the newspaper. Because these notices can be lengthy, depending on the number of flooding sources for which FEMA is proposing new or modified BFEs, FEMA expends a significant amount of money each year to publish these notices in local newspapers.

To make publication of these notices more cost effective while making them even more readily accessible to citizens, FEMA will begin publishing BFE notices on its Website for all appeal periods starting after April 1, 2007. FEMA will continue to publish a standard legal notice in the local newspaper without the BFE information included; the notice will direct interested citizens to the location on the FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Website where the BFE information will be posted (<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe>). Interested citizens can also obtain a copy of the BFE information for their community by calling the FEMA Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

To ensure the widest possible distribution of this procedural change, FEMA is enclosing information about the change in correspondence that is sent to community officials and requesting that those officials inform their citizens about the change.

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cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

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