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

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: The National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL)

The NFHL is a computer database that contains the flood hazard map information from FEMA's Flood Map Modernization program. These map data are from Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) databases and Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs). A summary of the NFHL is available at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3286>.

NFHL map data are available for areas where the Flood Map Modernization program has developed new maps. Digital maps for other areas are available as FIRM Scan data (digital pictures of Flood Insurance Rate Maps) and FIRMettes (portions of FIRM Scan data).

New DFIRM and LOMR data are available in online NFHL services on their effective dates. NFHL GIS data sets are updated monthly.

NFHL products include:

- NFHL Geographic Information System (GIS) Data: Learn more at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3291>
- NFHL Web Map Service (WMS): Learn more at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3292>
- *MapViewer* – Web online map viewer: Learn more at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3290>
- FEMA NFHL utility (view the NFHL using Google Earth™): Learn more at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3289>
- Stay Dry utility (a simpler means to view the NFHL using Google Earth™): Learn more at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3293>

All NFHL products are available through FEMA's Map Service Center at <http://msc.fema.gov>.

FEMA digital flood map data can be used for official purposes. FEMA's "Use of Digital Flood Hazard Data" policy is available at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3235>.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: Claims, Marketing, Underwriting