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

FROM: NFIP Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: Coastal Barrier Resources Act Determinations Related to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee

FEMA has observed that approximately 12 percent of reported claims resulting from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee are still open. This bulletin is a reminder of the expedited CBRA Property Determination process that is available for NFIP insured buildings in communities affected by those storms.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has set up a streamlined approach for processing requests for determinations in those cases where it is difficult to determine eligibility because of the proximity of the building in relation to the Coastal Barrier Resources System boundary. As discussed in Clearinghouse Bulletin W-11104, dated October 13, 2011, insurance companies can submit requests for expedited CBRA determinations directly to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via email at CBRADeterminations@fws.gov.

Requests for expedited determinations should include:

(1) A valid property address; policy number; and insurer’s name, telephone number, and email address; and
(2) Latitude/longitude coordinates of the structure.

For more information, visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website at http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Determinations.html.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, WYO Standards Committee, Government Technical Representative

Suggest Routing: Claims, Underwriting