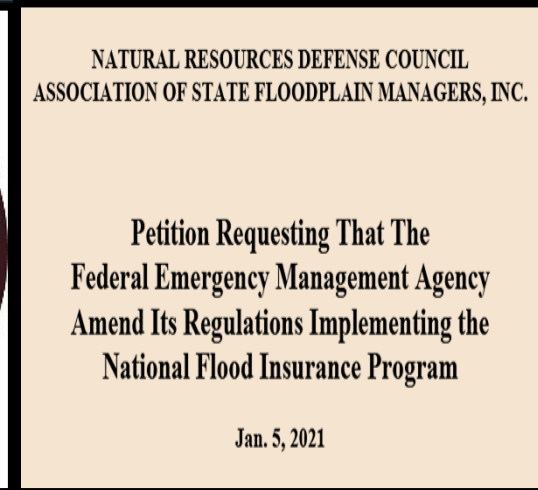
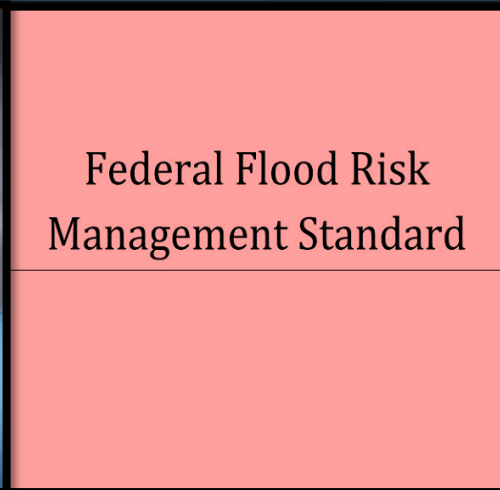


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...and other Risky Federal Flood and Infrastructure Policy Changes



Dan Delich

Fort Bend EDC Board Meeting

~~March 10, 2021~~

April 12, 2022



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4. **Strengthen floodplain management measures for leveed areas.** As mentioned above, the presence of a levee system can reduce the frequency of flooding; however, if flooding should occur under one of the four scenarios, the result may be more catastrophic than if the levee were not there. The main reason is typically with the natural floodplain setting, people are generally more aware of the potential for flooding as opposed to being more surprised if a levee overtops or suddenly breaches. An additional way to mitigate for this is by requiring multiple lines of defense for the consequences of flooding. For example, additional floodplain management measures related to land use, elevating structures, and other building standards can help mitigate for damages should a levee overtop, breach, or have a component malfunction (such as the interior drainage system). Such requirements can increase the awareness of local communities to the residual flood threat and encourage development patterns and associated infrastructure to take account of the potential flooding hazard.

c) Strengthen floodplain management requirements behind levees to reduce or limit potential consequences.



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Read more: <http://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/utils/getfile/collection/p16021coll11/id/1741>

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- d) Require mandatory purchase of flood insurance behind all levees as a means to communicate that living behind a levee is not without risk. Premiums could be risk-based.



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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION **S. 3934**

To permit policyholders under the National Flood Insurance Program to elect to have previous premium rates remain in effect until the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2022

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To permit policyholders under the National Flood Insurance Program to elect to have previous premium rates remain in effect until the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes.

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION **H. R. 7364**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To permit policyholders under the National Flood Insurance Program to elect to have previous premium rates remain in effect until the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency satisfies certain conditions, and for other purposes.

Corps Levee Safety Program

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 17, 2022

The Honorable Michael L. Connor
Assistant Secretary
108 Army
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary

We are writing to solicit your views on the Levee Safety Program (LSP) and to request your assistance in seeking the Federal Safety Program of 33 U.S.C. 2201-2206. We note that the LSP is a critical component of the Corps' mission to protect the Nation's infrastructure and the lives and property of the people of the United States.

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• Can you provide a list of the Corps' Levee Safety Program (LSP) activities and the funding for the LSP?

• Do you have any plans to increase the LSP's capacity to provide independent comments and recommendations on the scale and distribution of funding?

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Explaining the role in the granted F entities re matters, the following solicitation language sets in opposition to the requirements to provide for independent Committee report

- **"Skin-in-the-game" representation.** We support increasing the number and ratio of levee owner/operator representatives. Levee sponsors achieve levee safety operationally and no one has more skin in the safe levees game than do they.
- **Protection of levee sponsor data and views.** Any Committee recommendation or report to Congress must include a separate, free-standing statement of the views of levee sponsor-designated Committee members.
- **Public Comment.** All recommendations and reports of the Committee shall be published in the Federal Register for comments prior to finalization and comments of the public shall accompany recommendations and reports.
- **Oversight of Corps budgets and expenditures.** The Committee shall receive compiled, detailed reports of Corps budgets and expenditures for the Levee Safety Program and be able to provide independent comments and recommendations on the scale and distribution of funding.
- **Open meetings and total transparency.** If the Committee is to serve in an advisory capacity as envisioned in the ongoing solicitation, then the Federal Advisory Committee Act shall be made to apply to all Committee proceedings to assure that minimum standards of participation and transparency are met.
- **A Corps-only Committee.** If FEMA desires to have an advisory committee, they should pursue and self-fund their own committee. The engineering needs for safe levees are not in FEMA's mission set. The advisory committee must concentrate on Corps authorities and avoid conflicts with FEMA authorities and goals.

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