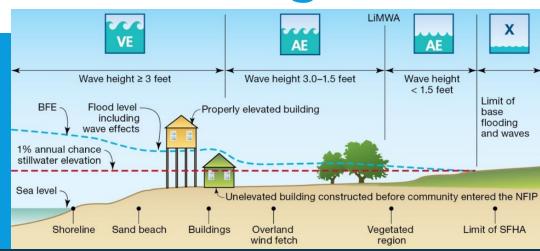




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MT-2s

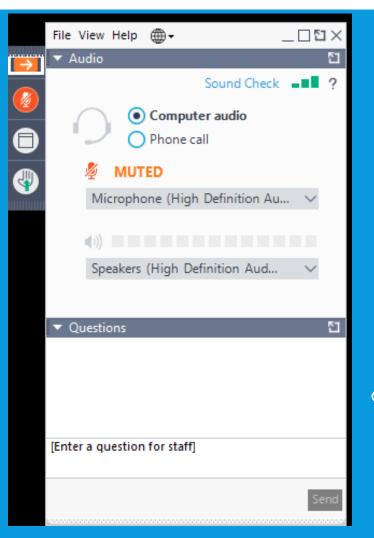


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Goals:

- Identify common concerns
- Provide opportunities for information exchange
- Identify training needs
- Promote and document the value of CTPs



Agenda

- Introduction Alan Lulloff, P.E., CFM ASFPM Flood Science Center
- Types of Revisions: LOMR, CLOMR, PMR
 - Erin Benford, Coastal Scientist AECOM
- Applicable Regulations and Policies
- Submittal Requirements
- Common Issues and Mistakes
- Great Lakes Submittal Requirements
 - Jeff Gangai, CFM Dewberry
- Questions/Discussion

COASTAL LETTER OF MAP REVISIONS (MT-2S): WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW THEY WORK

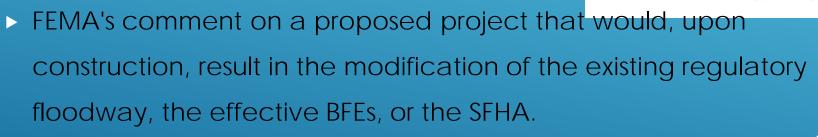
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WHAT IS A LOMR?

- Official modification to an effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).
- Physical change to the existing regulatory floodway, the effective Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

WHAT IS A CLOMR?



- Does not revise an effective FIRM; rather, it indicates whether the project, if completed as proposed, would be eligible for a LOMR.
- https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/19871





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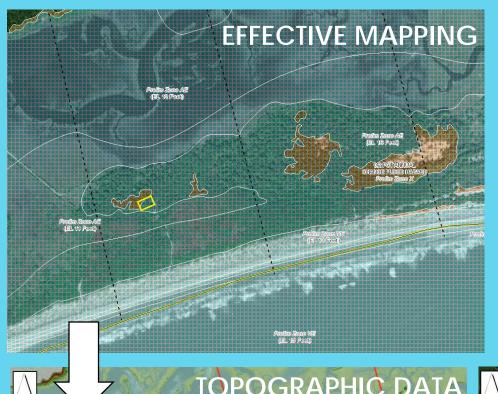
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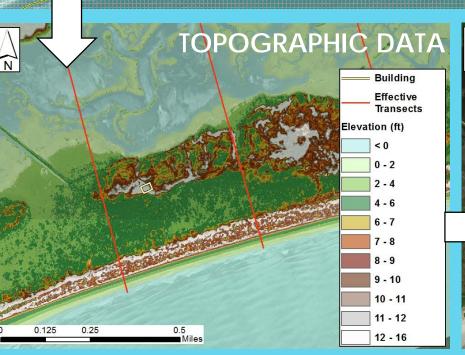


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WHEN C/LOMR?

- New topographic data
- Updated modeling
- Property Changes (i.e. New construction)
- More detailed analyses
- 44 CFR 65.12 When a CLOMR is specifically required
- A community can request a CLOMR under 44 CFR 65.8





BASIC DATA REQUIREMENTS:

- Application/certification forms (MT-2 Form 1, 4 and 5 (structures))
- Community acknowledgment (from each impacted community)
- Hydrologic computations/files*
- Hydraulic analysis/files*
- Certified topographic workmap with SFHA and floodway delineations*
- Annotated FIRM & FIS report*
- Project narrative and site photographs (optional)
- * If applicable

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- Notification to any property owners impacted by increased flood hazards (SFHA, BFE, and/or floodway; Section 65.6).
- Public notice of any floodway change (NFIP, Section 65.7)

GENERAL ANALYSIS CONSIDERATIONS: UNDERSTANDING WAVE/SURGE COMPONENTS

- 1. Storm surge stillwater elevation (SWEL)
- 2. Amount of wave setup
- 3. Wave height above storm surge (stillwater + setup) elevation
- 4. Wave runup and Overtopping above total storm surge elevation (where present)



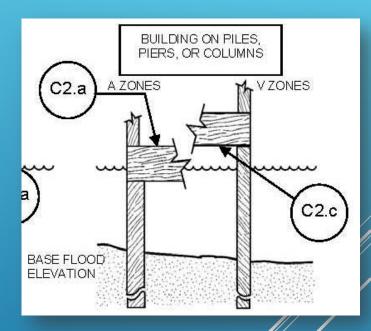
OTHER ANALYSIS CONSIDERATIONS:

- Overland Wave Effects
- Property Location (relative to modeling)
- Erosion
- Primary Frontal Dune
- Structures
- General Site Conditions
 - Wave Exposure
 - Beach Nourishment



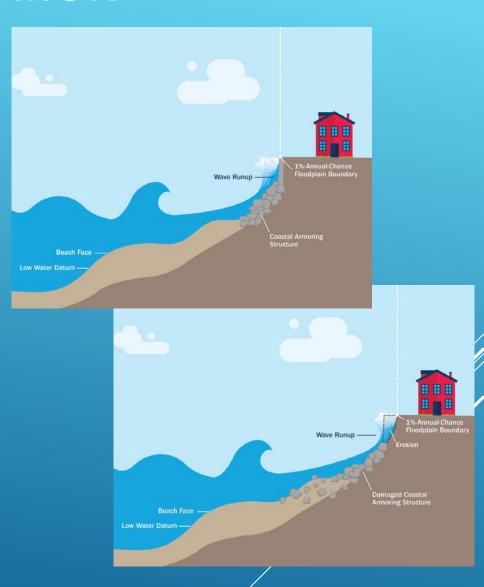
TOPOGRAPHIC REVISIONS BASED ON FILL

- Revisions based on Fill in a VE Zone are not allowed
 - Floodplain Management regulations required structures to be elevated on piles in VE Zones. (60.3(e)(4), (5), and (6))
 - Assumes fill is being placed for structural support
 - Exceptions can be made if fill is adequately protected from eroding
- Revisions based on fill are allowed in AE Zones
 - Using fill in Coastal A Zones (waves greater than 1.5 feet) for structural support without protection is not recommended



STRUCTURE CERTIFICATION

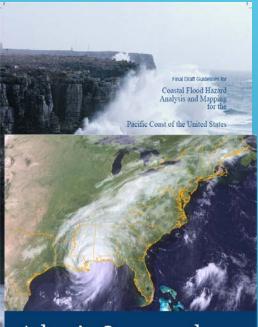
- Coastal Armoring Structures (seawalls, bulkheads, revetments)
- Regulation Requirements (65.10)
 - Designed to protect against 1% flood event
 - ▶ USACE TR CERC 89-15
 - Freeboard
 - Storm Surge (2 feet)
 - Wave height (1 feet)
 - Maximum Wave Runup (1 feet)
 - Exceptions for BFE or Zone Changes
- Operation Plans
- Maintenance Plans



BASIC LOMR REVIEW CHECKS

- Model Inputs and their sources
- Fetch considerations
- Structures are treated properly
- The PFD has been considered (if applicable)
- Methods and models are acceptable according to FEMA guidance and accepted best practices
- All datums match
- All relevant hazards are being considered
- Requestors are following current FEMA guidance and standards

OLD GUIDANCE VS NEW GUIDANCE



Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico Coastal Guidelines Update

Final Draft February 2007

⊗ FEMA

Great Lakes Coastal Guidelines Update

March 2009



- Previous guidelines contained almost all relevant information for a study by geographic region
- Can still be referenced for background information, but methodologies may be superseded

Guidance for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping

Coastal General Study Considerations

Guidance for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping

Coastal Water Levels

Guidance for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping

Determination of Wave Characteristics

- New guidelines documents are broken down by subject
- Methods must be taken from new guidance documents
- FEMA updates
 these documents
 on a scheduled
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 check for new
 versions!
- https://www.fema .gov/medialibrary/assets/doc uments/34953

GUIDANCE UPDATES



FEMA Policy Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping FEMA Policy #FP 204-078-1 (Rev 9)

BACKGROUND

This policy is applicable to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff delivering Risk Analysis and Mapping (Risk MAP), all mapping partners (contractors, cooperating technical partners, and other federal agencies) who perform flood risk projects on behalf of FEMA, and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Additionally, this policy may be pertinent to states, tribes, communities, homeowners and their consultants who are interested in the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) process.

This policy updates and supersedes the Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping – FP 204-078-1 (Rev 8) approved on February 11, 2019.

The changes with this revision are:

Standard IDs (SIDs)	Standards Change Description
SID 621	Revised to clarify that the draft database can be transmitted or made available online.
SID 619	Clarified for consistency in how Primary Frontal Dune features are revised.
SID 614	Updated to clarify the application and intent of the standard, as it relates to coastal BFEs and LOMA or CLOMA determinations.
SID 191	Rescinded to reflect retiring the Document Control Procedures Manual and updated approach to managing letter templates.
SIDs 36, 62, 168, 388, 391, 395, 402, 405, 406, 407, 508, 516, 522, 524, 525, 600, 601	Minor updates for clarity and to align with current processes and practice.
SIDs 74, 107, 137, 138, 384, 385	Minor edits to standardize language as part of routine maintenance.
SIDs 105, 347, 374	Updated several cross-section and BFE standards to better define and clarify their application and usage on FIRM panels
SIDs 50, 67, 81, 314, 526	Rescinded because this requirement is covered elsewhere.

For coastal Flood Risk Projects, VE Zones are identified using one or more of the following criteria for the 1-percent flood conditions:

- The breaking wave height zone occurs where 3-foot or greater wave heights could occur (this is the area where the wave crest profile is 2.1 feet or more above the static water elevation) (REQUIRED)
- The primary frontal dune zone, as defined in 44 C.F.R. § 59.1 of the NFIP regulations (REQUIRED)
- The wave runup zone occurs where the (eroded) ground profile is 3.0 feet or more below the Total Water Level, and 3.0 feet of wave runup height occurs in the analysis along the profile (REQUIRED)
- 4. The wave overtopping splash zone is the area landward of the crest of an overtopped barrier, in cases where the potential wave runup exceeds the barrier crest elevation by 3.0 feet or more and exceeds 1.0 cfs/ft (REQUIRED)
- The high-velocity flow zone is landward of the overtopping splash zone (or area on a sloping beach or other shore type), where the product of depth of flow times the flood velocity squared is greater than or equal to 200 ft3/sec2 (OPTIONAL)



Poll Question

Which of the choices is not a component of a coastal flood hazard?

- Storm surge
- Wave heights
- Floodway
- Overtopping
- Wave setup

ATLANTIC AND GULF COASTS

Region 1

- Studies are based primarily on tide gage analysis
- Runup is a major hazard
- PFD does exist in some areas, but is delineated in a slightly different way than other regions
- 2D studies are starting to be introduced in some areas (Maine)

Regions 2 & 3

- > 2D storm surge studies
- PFD located in open coast settings
- Combination of open and sheltered fetch conditions
- Generally lower coastal topography means overland wave hazards more prevalent

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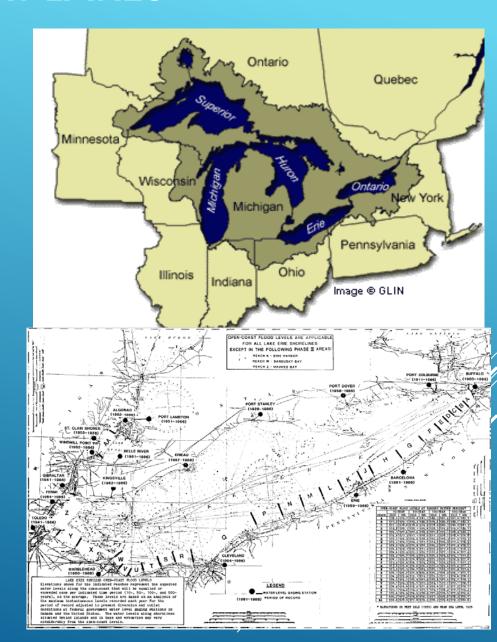
Region 4

- Combination of older generation FEMA surge studies and newer 2D storm surge models (older studies being phased out)
- PFD delineations very common throughout region
- Overland wave and runup hazards exist

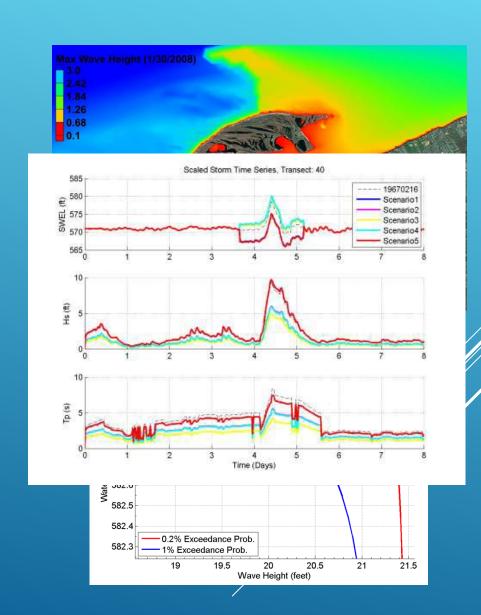
Region 6

- Older surge studies being phased out for newer 2D storm surge studies
- PFD very common
- Some alternative
 methodologies used due to
 vast marsh environments
 (muddy bottom; alternate
 erosion see FIS reports)

- ➤ Old Studies:
 - Used 1988 USACE Report on Lake Water levels
 - Based on Statistical Analysis at limited Water Level Stations
 - Majority of studies had no Wave analysis
 - Some used a 3 year wave height associated with 1% water levels
 - Few cases of wave runup mapped

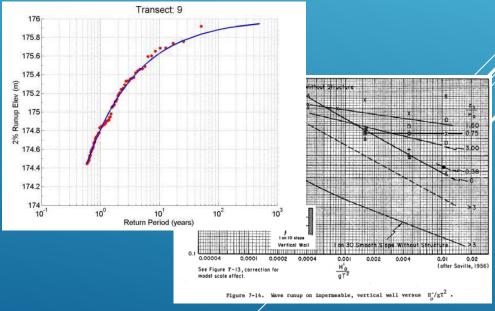


- 2D storm surge studies
 - Based on Historic storms
 - Lake level consideration
 - 2D Wave Modeling
 - Ice consideration
- Five WHAFIS runs with combination of wave heights and wave period representing 1% conditions
- Create time-series of each of the five scenarios
- Erosion 1D CSHORE model
- PFD does exist in some areas



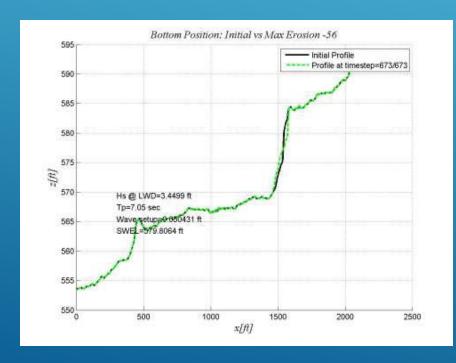
- Wave Runup is a major Hazard
 - Response based methodology
 - 1D CSHORE Model or Empirical Formulas
 - Each Historic Storm modeled
 - Includes Erosion
- Vertical Wall Runup
 - USACE Shore Protection Manual
 - 5 Wave height and water level scenarios
- Wave Overtopping VE and AO Depth Zones

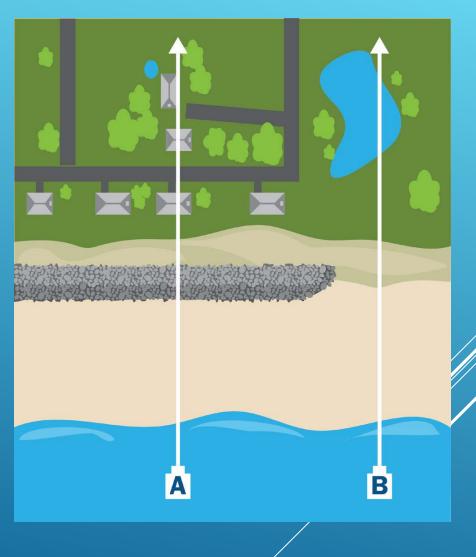




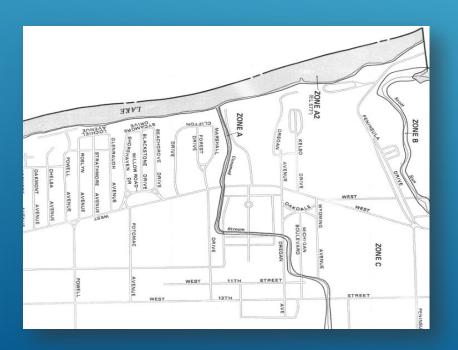
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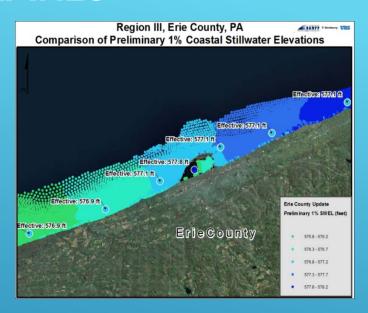
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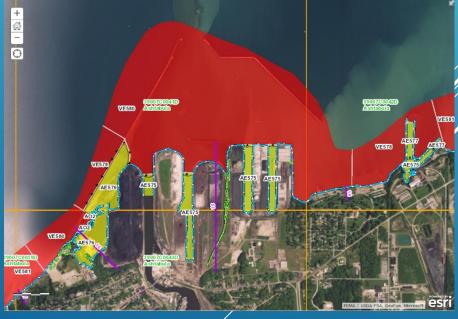




- Major Changes to Mapping
 - One Stillwater BFE to many with waves and wave runup
 - AE to VE and AO







PACIFIC COAST

Regions 9 & 10

- Regional surge and wave hindcasts using 2D models and measurements
- Response based Methods
- Runup & Overtopping is a major hazard
- Dynamic Water Level (Tides+Surge+Setup)
- Total Water Level (Tides +Surge+Setup+Runup)
- Erosion generally not applied
- PFD does exist in some areas



ANALYSES & CONSIDERATIONS ARE EVOLVING!

SID #	Effective Date	Implementation Description	Category	Standard Type	Standard
207	4/1/2003	Existing standard. Already implemented.	Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)	Working Standard	At a minimum, the analyses and other supporting data provided in support of a revision request must be equivalent to or better than the scientific and technical data employed by FEMA for the preparation of the effective analyses.
88	5/1/2012	Existing standard. Already implemented.	Coastal - Analysis	Working Standard	All coastal processes and flooding sources that contribute to the 1-percent- annual-chance flood condition both at a regional and local scale must be considered.
412	12/3/2008	Existing standard. Already implemented.	Coastal - Mapping	Working Standard	For coastal Flood Risk Projects, the LiMWA must be calculated, where appropriate.
536	7/31/2013	Applicable for all coastal Flood Risk Projects in the data development stage where the erosion analyses have not been completed yet.	Coastal - Analysis	Working Standard	For Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico coastal Flood Risk Projects, the 1- percent-annual-chance water level datum, above which the dune reservoir volume will be calculated for erosion analyses, will include storm surge, tidal effects, and wave setup components.
537	2/28/2018	Effective immediately	Coastal - Waves	Working Standard	LOMRs revising coastal flooding shall use the effective still water elevations and shall include wave setup.

- ► The data/analyses you submit must be as good or better than the effective.
- As FEMA guidance evolves, you may need to submit items not addressed in the effective study.

^{*} FEMA Policy Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping (#FP 204-078-1)

WHAT DO THE STUDY UPDATES MEAN FOR MY C/LOMR?

Older Studies

- Static surge values used along entire transect
- Wave setup computed as separate component (where computed)
- Erosion volume determined by SWEL
- Runup methods sometimes include/exclude wave setup
- Starting wave conditions determined by WIS or ACES (fetch dependent)

Newer Studies

- 2D surge models produce rasters that allow surge to vary along transect
- Wave setup is implicit in SWEL surfaces in 2D models
- Erosion volume is determined by SWEL + setup (TWL)
- Since wave setup is included in SWEL values, setup no longer removed in runup cales
- Starting waves determined from raster surface from 2D model

WHAT DO THE STUDY UPDATES MEAN FOR MY C/LOMR?

- All necessary study data can be obtained from FEMA Engineering Library (FRiSEL website)
- SWEL values will need to be extracted to transects in same way topo data is
- PFD lines are included in Map Service Center (MSC) dataset for each county
- LiMWA lines are also included in county datasets
- If specific methodology data for study is needed, the TSDN and IDS reports can be obtained from FRiSEL; contain detailed engineering descriptions
- If you still have questions about methods or data, you can contact FMIX (FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange) or your case engineer; https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html

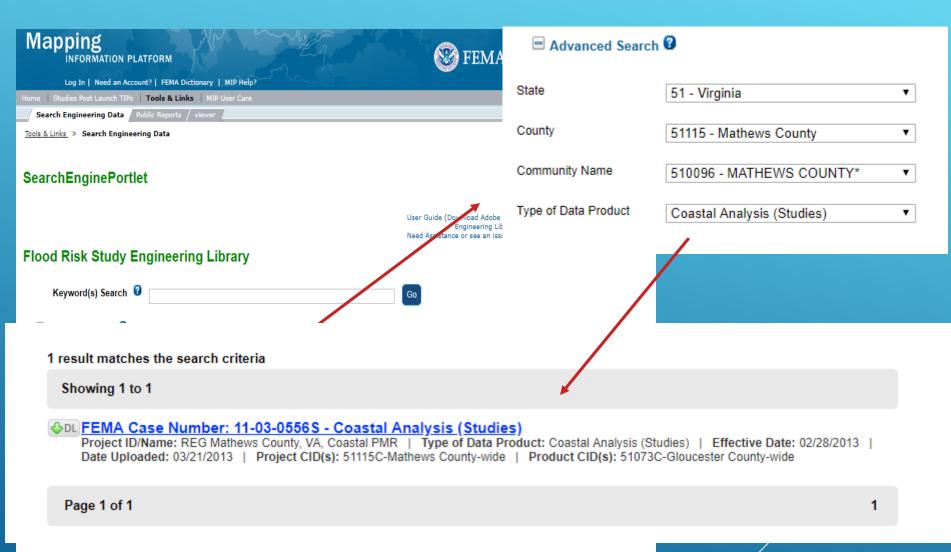


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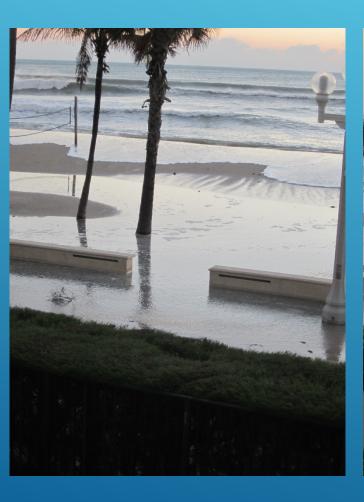
Across the Regions, what is the largest common change in methods from older generation studies?

- Erosion methods
- Storm surge methods
- Overland wave height modeling
- Primary Frontal dune mapping
- Wave runup methods

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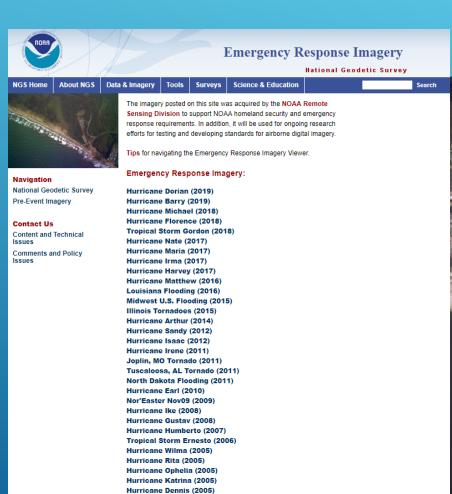


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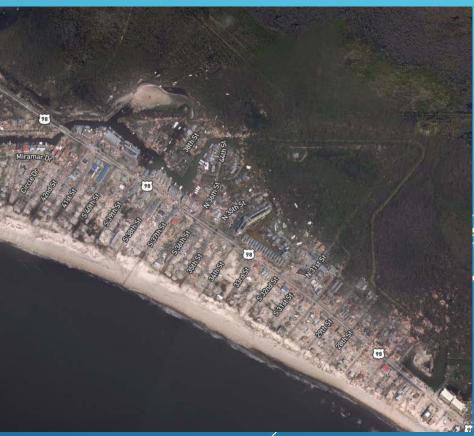




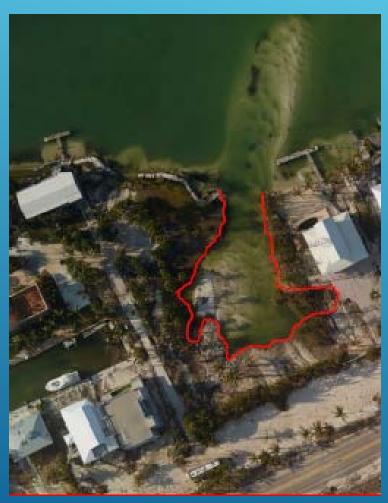
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Hurricane Ivan (2004) Hurricane Jeanne (2004) Hurricane Isabel (2003)

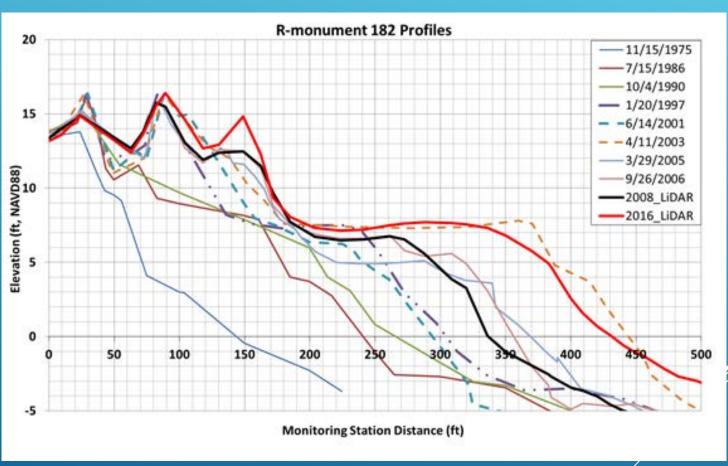


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Beach monitoring programs

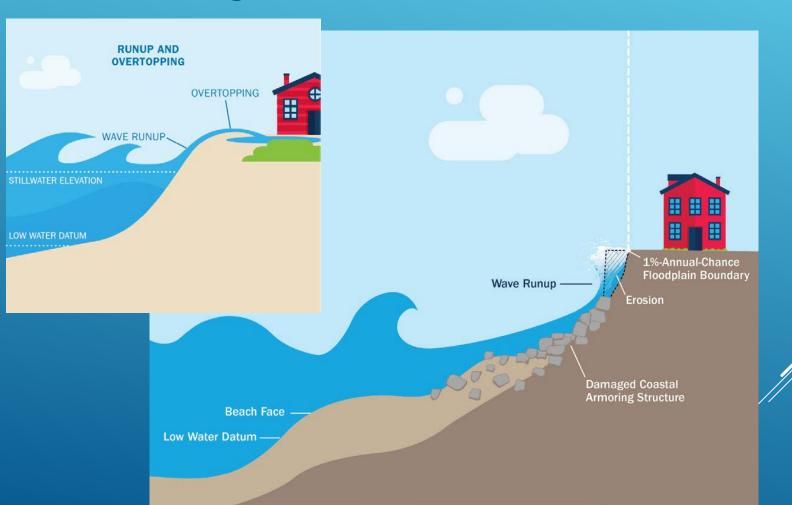


Great Lakes High Water Levels



Great Lakes High Water Levels

New analysis may be need to assess changing risks for repaired or new buildings.



IN CONCLUSION:

- New flood maps are based on:
 - More technical data and methodology:
 - LOMRs should be conducted with 'as good, or better' methodologies
 - Impacts several aspects of the modeling and analysis
 - Updated guidance:
 - Old guidance may not necessarily be superseded, but LOMRs are expected to follow new guidance, regardless of the age of the effective study

What does this mean?

- Some aspects of map revisions are getting easier and some are more technically complex
- Data acquisition could be more difficult
- Review times could increase

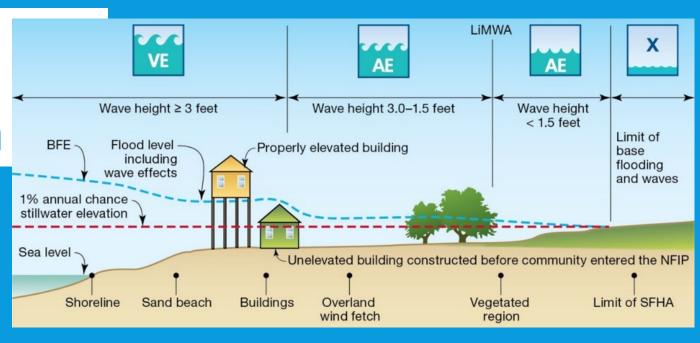
A FEW HELPFUL LINKS

- FEMA MT-2 Application and Instructions: https://www.fema.gov/mt-2-application-forms-and-instructions
- FEMA Online LOMC Submission (and Training): https://www.fema.gov/online-lomc-training
- FEMA Coastal Floodplain Mapping Introduction: https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=89d2e393f2c64d7cae07264f4d00c19d
- Current FEMA Guidance Documents:
 https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34953
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- USACE Shore Protection Manual: https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16021coll11/igd/1932
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