

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2016-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1542]

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

**DATES:** Comments are to be submitted on or before April 25, 2016.  
**ADDRESSES:** The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map

Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison. You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1542, to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (email) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (email) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at [www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any

request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at [http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_fact_sheet.pdf).

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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I. Non-watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Jackson County, OR and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>	
<b>Project: 15-10-0672S Preliminary Date: June 30, 2015</b>	
City of Ashland .....	City of Ashland, 51 Winburn Way, Ashland, OR 97520.
Unincorporated Areas of Jackson County .....	Jackson County Development Services, 10 South Oakdale Avenue, Room 100, Medford, OR 97501.

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Kenosha County, WI and Incorporated Areas</b>	
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>	
<b>Project:14-05-9406S Preliminary Date: April 3, 2015</b>	
Village of Pleasant Prairie .....	Village Hall, 9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

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[Docket ID FEMA-2014-0022]

**Technical Mapping Advisory Council****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) will meet in person on February 10-11, 2016 in Reston, VA. The meeting will be open to the public.**DATES:** The TMAC will meet on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), and Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST. Please note that the meeting will close early if the TMAC has completed its business.**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) headquarters building located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance by sending an email to [FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov) (attention Kathleen Boyer) by 11:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, February 5, 2016. Members of the public must check in at the USGS Visitor's entrance security desk; photo identification is required.For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below as soon as possible.To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered by the TMAC, as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Associated meetingmaterials will be available at [www.fema.gov/TMAC](http://www.fema.gov/TMAC) for review by Monday, February 1, 2016. Written comments to be considered by the committee at the time of the meeting must be submitted and received by Friday, February 5, 2016, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2014-0022, and submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* Address the email TO: [FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov) and CC: [FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message. Include name and contact detail in the body of the email.

- *Mail:* Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Room 8NE, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Federal Emergency Management Agency" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. *Docket:* For docket access to read background documents or comments received by the TMAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the Docket ID FEMA-2014-0022.

A public comment period will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST and again on Thursday, February 11, 2016, from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes. The public comment period will not exceed 30 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker by close of business on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Kathleen Boyer, Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC, FEMA, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone (202) 646-4023, and email [Kathleen.boyer@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Kathleen.boyer@fema.dhs.gov). TheTMAC Web site is: <http://www.fema.gov/TMAC>.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.As required by the *Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on: (1) How to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the (a) accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of flood insurance rate maps and risk data; and (b) performance metrics and milestones required to effectively and efficiently map flood risk areas in the United States; (2) mapping standards and guidelines for (a) flood insurance rate maps, and (b) data accuracy, data quality, data currency, and data eligibility; (3) how to maintain, on an ongoing basis, flood insurance rate maps and flood risk identification; (4) procedures for delegating mapping activities to State and local mapping partners; and (5) (a) methods for improving interagency and intergovernmental coordination on flood mapping and flood risk determination, and (b) a funding strategy to leverage and coordinate budgets and expenditures across Federal agencies. Furthermore, the TMAC is required to submit an annual report to the FEMA Administrator that contains: (1) a description of the activities of the Council; (2) an evaluation of the status and performance of flood insurance rate maps and mapping activities to revise and update Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and (3) a summary of recommendations made by the Council to the FEMA Administrator.Further, in accordance with the *Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014*, the TMAC must develop a review report related to flood mapping in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).*Agenda:* On February 10, 2016, the TMAC members will present and deliberate on the draft content and potential recommendations to be incorporated in the 2016 Review Report (due in April 2016) and the 2016 Annual Report (due in October 2016). A