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HUD published its final rule [Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands: Minimum](#)

[*Property Standards for Flood Hazard Exposure: Building to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard on April 23, 2024.*](#) This final rule implements the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS), required by Executive Order (E.O.) 13690, [*Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input.*](#)

Through this final rule, HUD expands the floodplain of concern both vertically and horizontally to a defined "FFRMS Floodplain" and provides clarity regarding the use of a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA) to determine the FFRMS floodplain and alternate approaches based on the best available data and information.

The final rule increases the required elevation for HUD-assisted new construction, the standard of elevation within the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Minimum Property Standards and, for grant and subsidy programs and multifamily FHA-insured projects required to comply with 24 CFR Part 55, substantially improved structures within the FFRMS floodplain. The final rule also clarifies and strengthens public notice and flood insurance requirements to increase awareness of flood risk to HUD-assisted renters and homeowners.

With this final rule, HUD takes a major step in addressing future flood risk and ensuring the safety of HUD-assisted residents and federal investments. The publication of the final rule completes the process of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking where the draft rule was open for public comment through June 6, 2023. The final rule addresses concerns and questions raised during the public review process and ensures the success of the regulatory changes in ensuring the nation builds resilient communities to withstand the flood risks of today and tomorrow.

The effective date will be 30 days after the publication date in the Federal Register and the required compliance date will be 60 days after the publication date in the Federal Register, with extended compliance deadlines for certain HUD programs.

[**View the FFRMS Final Rule in the Federal Register**](#)

Learn more about the final rule by reading the [press release](#) and viewing the [FFRMS page on HUD.gov](#). Contact EnvironmentalPlanningDivision@hud.gov for more information.

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