

Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Use of State and Local Floodway Criteria

Where state agencies or local communities have established criteria for floodway delineation which differ from that of FIA, we will follow the policy outlined below.

State Criteria

If a state has established more stringent regulations for a maximum allowable rise in water surface elevation through legally enforceable statutes, then this rise shall be used in computing the regulatory floodway presented in the flood insurance study.

If a state does not have legally enforceable statutes, or if a uniform allowable rise is not specified (e.g. zero, 0.10 foot, 0.50 foot, etc.), then the Federal criteria of 1.0 foot will be used for the floodway presented in the flood insurance study. However, at the state's request, one additional floodway may be computed and mapped meeting their criteria and provided to the state for their use.

Local Criteria

If a community has established more stringent requirements for a maximum allowable rise in water surface elevation, the Federal criteria of 1.0 foot will be used for the floodway presented in the flood insurance study. However, upon the community's request, one additional floodway meeting their criteria may be computed and mapped and provided for their own use.