

2-YEAR EXTENSION OF FEMA'S PREFERRED RISK POLICY FOR REDUCED FLOOD INSURANCE RATES

Dear National Flood Insurance Program Community Stakeholder:

Because your county had new Flood Insurance Rate Maps that went, or will become, effective between **October 1, 2008 and January 1, 2011**, you may have property owners that are eligible for a new low-cost flood insurance option. FEMA is extending its low-cost Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) for two years after the effective date of a new flood map to properties that meet specific criteria as detailed on the [Fact Sheet](#).

As a key county contact, we wanted to make you aware of this program. Your communities may also seek your assistance to help document that a building has been newly mapped into a high-risk flood area, and may be eligible for the PRP extension. The policy holder and their agent will require one of the following:

A copy of both the previous and current flood maps, marked to show the exact location of the property and the flood zone of the building,

or

A letter indicating the flood zone of the building on both the previous and current flood maps dated and signed by a local community official.

To assist you and them with acquiring this information should they come to you for help, you will find step-by-step instructions for accessing online both the previous and current maps for the property in question and then printing them. These instructions are available at http://www.rampp-team.com/documents/region3/how_to_create_a_firnette.pdf

Additional information about flood insurance and the Preferred Risk Policy can be found through your local insurance agent or at www.FloodSmart.gov, www.FloodSmart.gov/PRPExtension, or by calling the NFIP Help Center at 1-800-427-4661.