

A Local Official's Guide to Implementing the National Flood Insurance Program in Florida



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Dear Floridian:

The Department of Community Affairs, which serves as the State Coordinating Agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), is pleased to provide you with this Floodplain Management Home Study Course for Florida officials.

The course was designed to meet two goals. First, to share and discuss the importance of floodplain management to a number of mitigation planning and project initiatives. Second, to assist you in properly administering and enforcing construction and development activities in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

The materials are intended to clarify and explain the minimum federal regulations contained in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations and the **Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**. Many local governments have adopted these minimum federal regulations for their Special Flood Hazard Areas. Others have adopted more stringent standards. Whichever type of floodplain management regulation your local government has adopted, our primary concern is proper administration and enforcement.

The purpose of these regulations is to ensure the protection of public health, safety and welfare. I solicit your commitment to provide the highest level of public service to Florida's residents and businesses in protecting their lives and property.

I encourage you to use the technical assistance services of our State Assistance Office for the NFIP. As the minimum federal regulations are revised, or as our technical knowledge increases, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will revise their policy statements and technical bulletins. Consequently, each local government's floodplain administrator, plans examiner and construction inspector should maintain a set of these materials.

Requests for technical assistance services should be directed to our State Assistance Office for the NFIP at 850/413-9959.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven M. Seibert".

Steven M. Seibert
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Course-Related Assistance

Assistance in understanding any of the course contents is available by contacting the Florida Division of Emergency Management or the FEMA Region IV office:

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To achieve the goals of floodplain management, the nation must adopt a new approach—one that takes full advantage of all methods available to reduce vulnerabilities to damage and to protect and enhance the natural resources and functions of the floodplain.

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