

March 23, 2005

Dear Community Official(s):

Enclosed you will find the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's announcement for the May 2005 Floodplain Administrators' 101 & 202 Workshops (agendas enclosed). Historically, Oklahoma's flood disasters occur 11 days either side of Mother's Day. We believe the timing of these workshops will compliment the cities, towns and counties floodplain management programs. In fact, the Honorable Brad Henry proclaimed the month of March "**Flood Insurance Month**" and the month of May "**Flood Awareness Month**" in Oklahoma to alert Oklahomans to the danger of flooding and to the benefits of flood insurance.

Unfortunately, only one out of every ten homes in the 1% floodplain are covered by flood insurance. In an effort to increase flood insurance sales and awareness, we are encouraging you to initiate a flood insurance campaign in your community. Materials for your campaign will be available at these workshops or by contacting Rhonda Bowers with the OWRB at (405) 530-8800.

Please mark your schedule and plan to attend one of these workshops. We encourage you to invite other community officials involved in your floodplain management program (mayor, city manager, building code officials, city inspectors, clerks, development director, engineer, etc.). State law now requires that floodplain administrators in communities participating in the NFIP become accredited annually by the OWRB. Accreditation can be accomplished by successful completion of one of these one-day workshops. **No registration fee is required**; however, please complete the attached workshop registration form and return it to our Oklahoma City office by April 22, 2005. You may also register by going to our website www.owrb.state.ok.us, under the Meetings & Events click on Spring FPA Workshops or by faxing your registration form to (405) 530-8900. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures