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### November 2015 Changes to the National Flood Insurance Program

Two recent acts passed by Congress prompted changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that took effect November 1, 2015, including new non-residential categories, new guidance for determining a primary residence, revised rate tables for certain structures built after the Flood Insurance Rate Map date, and revised Increased Cost of Compliance rates. Many of these changes are a result of the implementation of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 and the continued implementation of Biggert-Waters 2012. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided an [online video tutorial](#) that summarizes these changes and also explains new modifications to the underwriting forms, Floodproofing Certificate, and the endorsement and cancellation refund rules.

### “Virtual Brown Bag” Webinars from FEMA Region 6

Remember to sign up to participate in the “Virtual Brown Bag” webinars from FEMA Region 6. This new online series helps communities create useful GIS products with the flood risk products delivered during a Risk MAP study. Visit <https://r6virtualbrownbag.eventbrite.com> for details and registration.

### Elevation Certificate & Nonresidential Floodproofing Certificate Renewed

The Office of Management and Budget has cleared its review of the revised FEMA Elevation Certificate and the Nonresidential Floodproofing Certificate, effective through November 30, 2018. FEMA will offer its usual 12-month transition period for the use of the new forms, during which time the previous forms may still be used. CRS communities are encouraged to use the **fillable form**. Note that FEMA’s Residential Basement Floodproofing certificate is on a separate renewal cycle; that form is valid through November 2016.

### Clean Water State Revolving Fund Call for Projects

The OWRB is currently identifying eligible wastewater projects and other pollution control/water quality activities for possible funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) during state fiscal years 2017-2021. Eligible projects include the following:

- traditional and low impact development stormwater systems and best management practices;
- water control structures;
- wetland protection and restoration;
- stormwater/watershed/water/energy management planning;
- capital improvement and asset management planning;
- sediment and infiltration basins;
- filter strips;
- aquifer recharge;
- acquisition of land;
- floodwater pumping systems;
- levies/dykes/berms to protect treatment works;
- streambank stabilization and restoration;
- street sweepers; and
- water monitoring equipment including sensors, meters, and gauges.

Projects with recycling and water reuse components and projects that mitigate stormwater runoff using green methods will be awarded additional ranking points and if funds are available may be eligible for subsidization in the form of principal forgiveness.

Interested entities should download and submit a Programmatic Application Packet from [www.owrb.ok.gov/CWSRF](http://www.owrb.ok.gov/CWSRF) by March 1, 2016. Completed documents can be emailed to Lindy Clay at [lindy.clay@owrb.ok.gov](mailto:lindy.clay@owrb.ok.gov) or faxed to her attention at 405.530.8898.

## Precipitation Tools and Reports from the Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center

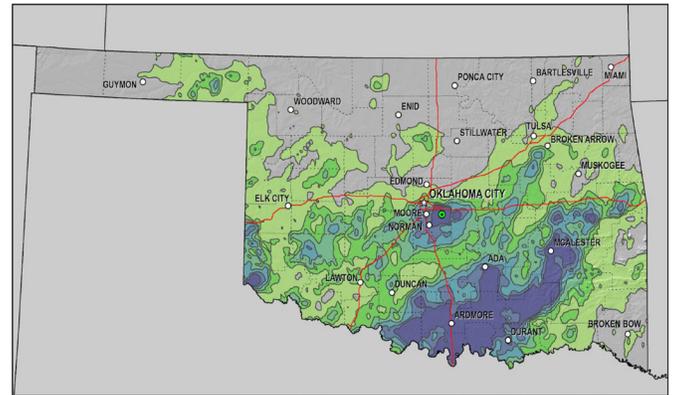
The National Weather Service Hydrometeorological Design Studies Center (HDSC) has released an Exceedance Probability Analysis for the Oklahoma rainfall events of April-June 2015, available [here](#). The HDSC creates maps for select storm events that typically have annual exceedance probabilities (AEPs) of less than 0.2% (i.e., exceed 500-year average recurrence interval amounts).

The HDSC also provides the [Precipitation Frequency Data Server](#) (PFDS), a point-and-click interface developed to deliver NOAA Atlas 14 precipitation frequency estimates as tables or graphs. Users may also access supplementary information such as ASCII grids of estimates, associated temporal distributions of heavy rainfall, time series data at observation sites, and cartographic maps.

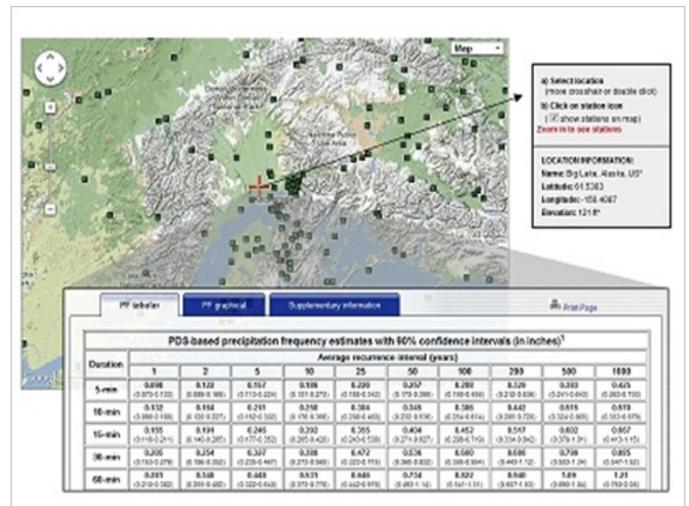
[NOAA Atlas 14 documents](#) provide additional information on the underlying data and functioning of the PFDS.

## The Voice December 2015 Newsletter

The September 2015 issue of FEMA's Region 6 newsletter, [The Voice](#), includes information about the High Water Mark Initiative in Texas, newly mapped procedures for property owners, preparing for winter weather, and a 2016 funding opportunity through the Gulf Research Program. Sign up at [www.RiskMAP6.com](http://www.RiskMAP6.com) to receive your copy of *The Voice* by email.



Oklahoma's April-June 2015 Exceedance Probability Analysis.



Screenshot of the HDSC's Precipitation Frequency Data Server.

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 18 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Mar 8 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Mar 10 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Mar 29 FPM 202 LOMC / Flood Mapping Disaster Exercise
- Mar 31 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Apr 14 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Apr 21 OFMA Advanced Only
- Apr 21 FPM 202 LOMC / Flood Mapping Disaster Exercise
- May 12 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Jun 28 FPM 101 / OFMA Advanced
- Jun 30 FPM 202 LOMC / Flood Mapping Disaster Exercise

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As the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinator, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board partners with other state and federal agencies and local governments to prevent and mitigate the catastrophic effects of flooding disasters in Oklahoma. For more information, go to [www.owrb.ok.gov/fpm](http://www.owrb.ok.gov/fpm) or call (405) 530-8800.