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Mississippians encouraged to review proposed levee analysis changes

Pearl—Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack is encouraging residents to review and comment on a new levee analysis and mapping approach proposed by FEMA for non-accredited levees. This new proposal could change some communities flood risk maps and National Flood Insurance Program rates.

Beginning today the public will have 45 days to provide comments regarding this new approach. The “Public Review and Comment” period is being posted through the Federal Register, which is a formal federal process for receiving, managing, considering, and incorporating accepted comments.

To provide comments on the new approach, please visit the [Federal Register - Levee Approach](#) and download a copy of the “*Revised Analysis and Mapping Procedures for Non-Accredited Levees: Proposed Approach for Public Review.*” Alternatively, you can visit [regulations.gov](#), search “FEMA-2011-0025,” and download the document. Follow the directions provided on how to submit comments through [regulations.gov](#) or submit comments at [nfip-levees.gov](#). Comments must be received through one of these channels in order to be considered for incorporation into the approach.

In addition to the Public Review documents being made available online at [regulations.gov](#), FEMA will hold three 90-minute online public webinars to present the approach and answer questions. Participation is limited to 300 guests for each webinar and invitations will be extended on a first come, first serve basis. The dates and contact information for reserving your spot for one of the webinars will take place as described in the Federal Register notice.

For more information on the background and development of the new approach, please see the attached fact sheet or visit http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/lv_lamp.shtm

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