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LETTER OF MAP REVISION (LOMR) Issued by Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)



Any land disturbances in the regulatory floodplain require approvals from the local community.

What is a LOMR?

A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is issued by FEMA and is an official modification to the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that should be adopted into a community's floodplain zoning ordinance. LOMRs can result in a physical change to the existing regulatory floodway, the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Additional Resources:

Local Community's Zoning or Building Inspector Department.

DNR Mapping Web Page at:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/FloodPlains/mapping.html>

To view effective LOMRs, please contact the local community. Also, LOMRs and other Letters of Map Change may be viewed online at the FEMA Map Service Center at <http://msc.fema.gov>

For general information, contact a FEMA Map Specialist at the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) either by phone: 1-877-336-2627 or http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

Created by the WDNR Dam Safety & Floodplain Program – Contact us at DNRfloodplain@Wisconsin.gov



What is a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)? When do I need one?

A CLOMR indicates if a proposed project, constructed as designed, would allow for revision to the Base Flood Elevations (BFE) and FIRM maps (or if the property in question can be removed from the Special Flood Hazard Area). The local community, or an individual through the community, may request FEMA's comments on a project through a CLOMR application. Through the CLOMR process, FEMA will determine whether a proposed project, if built as proposed would, require a LOMR. The LOMR submittal must be completed within 6 months of project completion. The official map adjustments are made AFTER the as-built specifications are submitted to FEMA AND the final LOMR is issued by FEMA.

A CLOMR is required when the proposed development would cause any increase (measured to 0.01') to any published BFE or when cumulative impacts cause a 1.00' increase in a regulated floodplain with no published BFE (Zone A).

Permits for buildings cannot be issued based on the results of a CLOMR, when a LOMR is required. This is because the CLOMR does not change the floodplain map.

Why do I need a LOMR?

A LOMR may be required because:

- Floodplain development changed the regulatory floodplain information located in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and/or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).
- The FIRM shows a floodway and the revision changes the flood heights or BFE or modifies the floodway width.
- Placement of fill has created a change in the BFE.
- New data shows changes in flows resulting in a revised floodplain boundary.
- A bridge or other floodplain encroachment has modified the mapped floodplain.
- Modifications to bridges, culverts, dams, or streams have changed the floodway boundaries and/or the BFE.
- Flood protection structures have changed the BFE, floodway boundaries and/or flood zone boundaries.

Definition of Floodplain Development

Any artificial change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, the construction of buildings, structures or accessory structures; the construction of additions or alterations to buildings, structures or accessory structures; subdivision layout and site preparation; mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations; the storage, deposition or extraction of materials or equipment; and the installation, repair or removal of public or private sewage disposal systems or water supply facilities.