

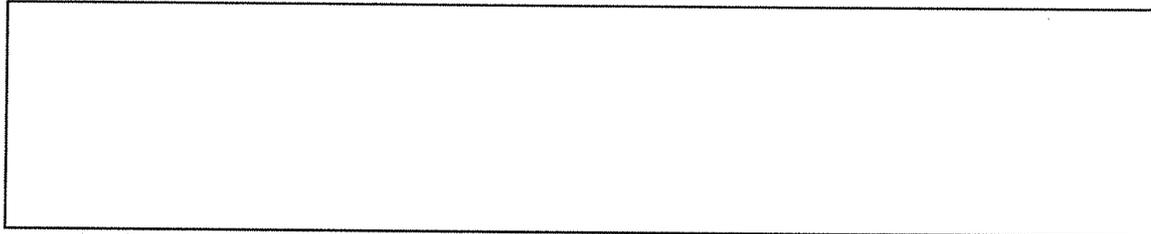
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Mayors Advisory

March 27, 2013

Re: New Jersey formally adopts federal advisory flood elevation maps for rebuilding after Sandy

Dear Mayor:

The Christie Administration has filed with the Office of Administrative Law an adoption package supporting final rules that will make permanent new statewide elevation standards based on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps. This action, taken Monday, provides direction for residents as they rebuild from the devastating effects of Superstorm Sandy.

The Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) filing of documents supporting amendments to the state's Flood Hazard Area Control Act keeps in place an emergency rule the Administration authorized in January. The emergency rule and its final amendments utilize FEMA's recently released Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) maps as the statewide standard for elevation of homes in flood zones.

Those maps, updated in New Jersey's coastal counties for the first time in more than two decades, are based on the best available data to best protect lives and property from the most severe storm surges. The elevations are on average two to four feet higher than standards that had been in effect under the significantly outdated FEMA flood maps.

The final rule will be published in the New Jersey Register. For FAQs on the rule, please visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/docs/rebuilding-after-sandy-factsheet.pdf>

For a copy of the rule and public comments document, please visit: http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/adoptions/adopt_20130506a.pdf

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