

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUBJECT	NUMBER	
Flood Plain Management		1978-4
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Recurrent flooding of large areas of Pennsylvania presents serious hazards and causes adverse effects upon the health, safety, welfare, and property of the Commonwealth. Extensive expenditures of public and private funds have been required to effect the repair and replacement of property and facilities as a result of the disastrous effects of recurrent flooding.

The National Flood Insurance Program (42 U.S.C. §§4001 et seq) provides for much needed and desirable Federal insurance protection against the ravages of flood, mudslide, and flood-related erosion. Federal regulations implementing this Program have been published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Insurance Administration (FIA), at 24 C.F.R. Chapter X, Subchapter B (41 F.R. 46962 (October 26, 1976)). The Program includes provisions for states to insure or self-insure state-owned properties and facilities in special hazard areas.

The FIA regulations represent minimum standards of flood plain management for Program participation and require the promulgation and enforcement of flood plain management regulations. To permit continued Commonwealth participation in this Program of flood plain management, I hereby order all agencies under my jurisdiction to take the following actions:

1. The Office of the Governor shall act as the coordinating agency in the implementation of the minimum Federal standards by the other agencies of State government. To achieve compliance with these minimum standards, each agency shall undertake the steps outlined below.

2. Each agency shall promulgate regulations or directives, where appropriate, consistent with Constitutional and statutory limitations, to implement the minimum Federal requirements for flood plain management in all areas of agency activity which are or may be affected by the minimum Federal requirements as set forth in Paragraph 4.
3. Effective immediately, each agency shall identify all existing or proposed programs undertaken pursuant to and within the limits of its statutory authority which are or may be affected by the minimum Federal requirements as set forth in Paragraph 4.
 - a. Each agency may consult directly with the FIA to assess the impact of the minimum requirements on its individual programs.
 - b. Each agency shall forward the results of its program review to the Governor at the earliest possible date.
4. Any development of (defined in the FIA regulations, 24 C.F.R. §1909.1), new construction of, or substantial improvements to state-owned properties and facilities in areas designated as special hazard areas by the FIA shall comply with minimum requirements for special hazard areas. These minimum requirements are set forth in Sections 1910.3, 1910.4, and 1910.5 of Subchapter B of Chapter X, Title 24 C.F.R.

5. The Department of Community Affairs is hereby authorized to act as a repository for FIA flood information maps and other data that may be made available to the Commonwealth. The Department of Community Affairs shall notify other State agencies at regular intervals of the receipt of new maps and data.

6. All agencies shall fully cooperate with each other in the exchange of data and technical expertise.

7. As soon as possible after the issuance of this Executive Order, each agency shall have prepared for submission to FIA, regulations or directives, where appropriate, implementing the minimum Federal standards.

Additional instructions to assist and coordinate the uniform preparation of program reviews and the development of departmental regulations or directives shall be issued through the Directives Management System.