



News from Region 10

April 2023

Volume 13, Issue 4

Inside this Issue:

- FEMA Requests Public Comments for NFIP EIS | Oregon
- NFIP Technical Bulletin 10: March 2023 Update
- FEMA Region 10: Training & Exercise Quarterly Compendium
- Online Training Calendar

Newsletter Ideas?

Do you want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you'd like to see in future issues!

*Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures. **Email:** RXNewsletter@starr-team.com*

FEMA Requests Public Comments for NFIP EIS | Oregon



FEMA is proposing changes to the implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Oregon. As part of the process, FEMA will develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act to identify the potential impacts to the human environment.

On March 6, 2023, FEMA published a [Notice of Intent \(NOI\)](#) to prepare an EIS. FEMA is soliciting public comments on potential issues, concerns, and reasonable alternatives that FEMA should consider in an EIS for the National Flood Insurance Program – Endangered Species Act Integration in Oregon Plan. **Public comments can be submitted from March 6, 2023, through May 5, 2023.** The EIS will not apply to municipalities in Baker, Harney, Klamath, Lake, and Malheur Counties.

Public Meetings

FEMA will host virtual and in-person public meetings during the comment period. **The first scheduled virtual public meeting was held on March 22, 2023.** All meeting information will be shared on the [project website](#). Information about the Oregon Biological Opinion, public process, public meetings, supporting documentation, and how to submit comments is shared on the [project website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Region 10 Office of External Affairs: [News Desk email](#) | [Congressional Affairs email](#) | [Tribal Affairs email](#) | [Private Sector email](#). Follow FEMA Region 10 on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Visit [FEMA's website](#) for more information.

NFIP Technical Bulletin 10: March 2023 Update

In 2001, FEMA issued the first edition of Technical Bulletin 10, *Ensuring that Structures Built on Fill in or Near Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) are Reasonably Safe from Flooding*. This original resource provided guidance on how to make the determination that an area is “reasonably safe from flooding” during the occurrence of the base flood. This bulletin highlighted the revised NFIP regulations and Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) and Letter of Map Revision-Based on Fill (LOMR-F) procedures including requirements to address concerns regarding the inconsistent and potentially hazardous practice of constructing on land removed from the SFHA.

The update to Technical Bulletin 10, *Reasonably Safe from Flooding Requirement for Building on Filled Land*, reorganizes and clarifies the previous guidance but does not change any requirements or design approaches (2023). This revision includes information and best practices related to the relevant NFIP regulations, building codes and standards, flood insurance implications, documentation and certification requirements, administrative procedures, higher regulatory standards, placement of fill, design and construction, and basement foundations.

For more information, see the [FEMA Building Science Frequently Asked Questions website](#).

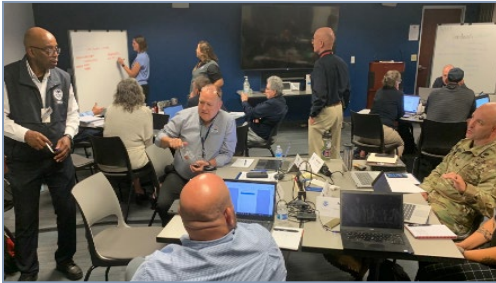
If you have any additional questions on FEMA Building Science publications, [contact the helpline via email](#) or by phone: (866) 927-2104.

You may also [sign up for the FEMA Building Science email subscription](#), which is updated with publication releases and FEMA Building Science activities.



Reasonably Safe from Flooding
Requirement for Building on
Filled Land

FEMA Region 10: Training & Exercise Quarterly Compendium



The [FEMA Region 10 Training & Exercise Quarterly Compendium \(TEQC\)](#) is published on a quarterly basis and contains basic information about regionally significant training and exercise events occurring in the next two (2) years. The TEQC is a companion to the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) that identifies current priority core capabilities and upcoming training events to increase emergency management capabilities, regional preparedness, and to sustain operational readiness through the design and conduct of various training and joint exercises as part of the Plan-Train-Equip-Exercise preparedness cycle.

The next edition will be published in April 2023 and a call for updates was distributed in late February 2023. Regionally significant trainings or exercises could include the following types of events: training which is open for enrollment by outside agencies, exercises in need of evaluators or controllers, exercises open to observers, multi-jurisdictional training and exercises, regional training and exercises, and/or trainings and exercises which an agency would like other regional partners to be aware of.

For more information about the FEMA Region 10 Training & Exercise Quarterly Compendium, please [reach out via email](#).

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email: RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
CRS: Annual CRS Requirements	April 18, 10 am	1
CRS: CRS & Floodplain Species Assessment	April 19, 10 am	1
STARR II: Intro to FEMA Technical Bulletins	April 20, 10 am	1
STARR II: Floodplain Development Permit Review	April 27, 9 am	1
STARR II: Inspecting Floodplain Development	April 27, 10:30 am	1.5
CRS: Preparing for a Verification Visit	May 16, 10:00 am	1
CRS: Floodplain Management Planning (Activity 510)	May 17, 10:00 am	1
STARR II: NFIP Basics	May 18, 10:00 am	1



To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site: j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

You are receiving this email because you are subscribed to the STARR II Region 10 monthly newsletter. [Click here to unsubscribe.](#)

Previous editions and articles are still available to view or download. [Click here to visit the STARR II R10 Monthly Newsletter Archive.](#)

Was this forwarded to you? Want to subscribe? [Click here to subscribe to the Region 10 Newsletter.](#)

STARR II - Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction

FEMA Region 10 Service Center

20700 44th Ave W, Suite 130, Lynnwood, WA 98036

Email: rxnewsletter@starr-team.com | [STARR II Newsletter Website](#)