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FEMA Selects the National Institute of Building Sciences to lead Scientific Resolution Panel

Beginning Nov. 1, 2010, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is making available an independent scientific body to aid in the review and resolution of conflicting data related to Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

The establishment of the Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) process emphasizes FEMA's commitment to using the best science to accurately depict flood hazards.

SRPs will be responsible for reviewing FEMA's flood hazard data and the flood hazard data submitted by communities when a mutual resolution cannot be reached through collaborative consultation. The SRPs will provide communities and FEMA with a timely and independent way of resolving challenges while ensuring the best scientific and technical data is being used for Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

FEMA has contracted with the National Institute of Building Sciences to provide communities with a resolution process that is deemed neutral by both the challenging community and FEMA.

The National Institute of Building Sciences, authorized by Public Law 93-383 in 1974, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that brings together representatives of government, the professions, industry, labor and consumer interests to identify and resolve building process and facility performance problems. The Institute serves as an authoritative source of advice for both the private and public sectors with respect to the use of building science and technology.

The Institute is seeking qualified scientific and technical professionals from the public, private, and academic sectors to aid in this endeavor. Professionals with a degree in one of the identified fields and a minimum of 10 years proven experience are invited to apply to become an SRP cadre member.

To learn more about the Scientific Resolution Panel initiative and the application process to serve on that panel, please visit www.floodSRP.org.

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