

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Sedgwick County, Kansas, and Incorporated Areas**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Sedgwick County, Kansas, and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Sedgwick County, Kansas, and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe), or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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Sedgwick County Stakeholders,

The 90-Day Appeal Period for the Preliminary Sedgwick County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) will begin on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the last day of the appeal period will be October 6, 2015. No appeal submissions will be able to be accepted after October 6<sup>th</sup>. Newspaper notices announcing the appeal period will appear in the following newspapers on the following dates. I have attached a copy of the notice that will be published. Feel free to distribute to your own stakeholders as you see fit. Official FEMA letters announcing the appeal period will be delivered to communities via Fed Ex on either Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> (depending on the newspaper publication dates in the community).

Ark Valley News – 7/2 & 7/9	(Valley Center, Park City, Kechi & Bel Aire)
Derby Informer – 7/1 & 7/8	(Derby)
The Clarion – 7/2 & 7/9	(Andale, Colwich, Maize, Mount Hope)
Harvey County Independent – 7/2 & 7/9	(Bentley)
Haysville Sun-Times – 7/2 & 7/9	(Haysville)
Mulvane News – 7/2 & 7/9	(Mulvane)
Times-Sentinel – 7/2 & 7/9	(Cheney, Clearwater, Garden Plain Goddard)
Wichita Eagle – 7/2 & 7/9	(Wichita)

**Remember that appeals must be submitted by the communities in which the appeal is located.** Communities will also need to provide a written opinion of the validity of the appeal. If you are aware of an appeal that is being developed in your community the best thing you can do is to give me a call so we can start discussing it. We want to help any appellants get complete appeal packages submitted on time to ensure they can be considered as valid appeals. It will be helpful for appellants to work with KDA and AMEC when developing their packages to ensure they are complete and

meet the submission requirements. Making an appeal is complex and can be difficult so we want to extend help where it is needed. That process can start with a simple phone call. Please direct anyone with questions about making an appeal to my email or phone number below.

Here is a link to 44 CFR 67 that regulates the appeal process. I have also attached the *Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps* to the email.

[http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title44/44cfr67\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title44/44cfr67_main_02.tpl)

Don't hesitate to shoot me whatever questions you may have or any that may be posed to you that you are unsure how to answer. We want the appeal period to be accessible and any appeals to go smoothly.

Please forward this information to anyone who you believe needs to be informed about the appeal period. If there are still individuals who should be on this email list but are not please provide me their information so I can add them.

Thanks as always for your participation,

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