

Association of State FloodPlain Managers
2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Suite 204 Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 608-274-0123 Fax: 274-0696
Website: *www.floods.org* Email: *asfpm@floods.org*

Resolution on Conversion Program

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is faced with approximately 7,000 communities that have not been provided a detailed Flood Insurance Study in order to convert them to the Regular Phase of the National Flood Insurance Program.

WHEREAS, flood insurance studies for all 7,000 will be very expensive and unwarranted; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has researched this problem and has proposed two techniques that are alternatives to the traditional study process: Existing data studies and special conversions, which may be appropriate techniques for the majority of the 7,000 communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Association that:

1. We support FEMA's new approach and commend the staff for taking the time, involving states, and developing this alternative to the previous proposed Accelerated Conversion Program.
2. We want to underline our two major objections to the Accelerated conversion Program, issues that have not been addressed in FEMA's proposal or in Senate Bill 1338:
 - a. There must be no "automatic" conversions to the Regular Program, that is: No conversions without a local ordinance that meets the appropriate requirements of 44 CFR 60.3. FEMA must exclude from program participation any community which is unwilling to enact the appropriate ordinance once it has been decided that no detailed study will be conducted.
 - b. States must be involved and care must be taken in selecting communities for detailed studies or special conversion. As explained in the Association's report for the U.S. Water Resources Council, "Using Available Computerized Data to Target Floodplain Management Resources," we know of no data files or computer programs that can categorize communities quickly and accurately.
3. The Association is ready and willing to continue to advise and assist FEMA on this key issue of converting the remaining 7,000 unstudied communities.

RESOLVED, this 10th day of November, 1983.