HURRICANE KATRINA SURGE INUNDATION and ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAP
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Map Number: LA-H55

Date of Event: August 29, 2005
Date of Map: June 6, 2006

HOW TO READ THIS MAP
In flood-protected areas, the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) is to be used for rebuilding at a particular property unless the elevation is higher than those of these two options:
1. Current, effective Base Flood Elevation (BFE) shown on the community’s Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), or
2. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) highest existing Alterable Grade (HAG) at the building site. The ABFE is defined as the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.
Using the best available data, FEMA has mapped the areas of the Parish where each of these two options should be applied.

In green-shaded areas, FEMA recommends that the first floor of the building (excluding basement) be elevated at least 1 foot above HAG at the building site.

Notes:

For more information on the ABFE guidance for this Parish, please see: