HURRICANE KATRINA SURGE INUNDATION and ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION MAP
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Map Number: LA-Q37

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Date of Map: June 5, 2006

HOW TO READ THIS MAP

In seawall-protected areas, the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) to be used for rebuilding at a particular property is the higher of these two options:

(1) Current, effective Base Flood Elevation (BFE) shown on the community’s Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

(2) Thehigher Existing Building Elevations (HBE) at the building site. The HBE 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(s)) be elevated 3 feet above HBE at the building site.

- Outside of green-shaded areas, FEMA recommends that the first floor of the building (including basement(s) if elevated) be elevated 3 feet above HBE at the building site.

Keywords in the Parish, the Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE for flood insurance purposes. Using detailed topographic data for the site, the Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE for flood insurance purposes. Using detailed topographic data for the site, the Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE for flood insurance purposes.

For more information on how to use the ABFE guidance for the Parish, please see:

MAPS FOR ADVISORY PURPOSES ONLY - NOT FOR INSURANCE RATING PURPOSES

For insurance rating purposes, refer to the community effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), available from your local government or the FIRM Map Service Center (1-800-358-9616) (http://mrs.fema.gov). For more information on the advisory maps, please see:
http://www.fema.gov/hazard/floods/downloads/hazard_katrina_ae_index.shtm