WASHINGTON -- FEMA published a notice in the Federal Register today seeking public comment on the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System. This notice is to better align flood risk understanding and approaches and to incentivize communities to manage and lower their flood risk.

FEMA posted a Request for Information to gather public comment about ways for the agency to consider modifying, streamlining and creating innovative measures to improve the Community Rating System program. These efforts aim to help FEMA ensure that the program includes necessary, properly tailored and up-to-date requirements that effectively achieve these goals:

- Reducing and avoiding flood damage to property
- Supporting the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program
- Encouraging a comprehensive approach to floodplain management

The Community Rating System is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements in the National Flood Insurance Program. The agency is evaluating the Community Rating System’s potential to ongoing support of state, local, tribal and territorial community goals and needs around floodplain management.

FEMA will host three public meetings to explain the proposed changes and how to provide information for public comment. Anyone interested may register online and attend a meeting on:

- Sept. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT
- Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m. EDT
- Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m. EDT

In addition, comments can be submitted from Aug. 23-Sept. 22 on the Federal Rulemaking Portal, Docket ID: FEMA-2021-0021. Please follow the instructions on the page for submitting comments and contact the Regulations.gov Help Desk if you have technical issues.
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