



Updates for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (2015) for FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Acquisition Projects: Hydraulic Fracturing and Horizontal Directional Drilling

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Page Number	Section	Existing Information	Update Information	Policy Section
Page 12	Part I(F), Programmatic Changes	“Generally, FEMA will not approve property acquisition for open space projects involving properties with underground oil, gas, or other mineral encumbrances that may allow subsurface hydraulic fracturing and horizontal directional drilling to occur.”	While this was a programmatic change when the guidance was published, the program guidance has been updated. Delete sentence.	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Principles (A)
Page 42	Part III (E.2), Ineligible Activities	“...or properties that include encumbrances that may allow for horizontal drilling or fracking.”	Delete phrase.	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Principles (A)



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Page 2	Part A.2.1, Limits on Subsurface Uses Affecting Eligibility		Delete entire section.	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Part A(2)(a)
Page 3	Part A.2.2, Open Space Restrictions	“Hydraulic fracturing/HDD is a practice with currently unresolved environmental impacts and unknown open space compatibility; therefore, it is generally not an allowable use.”	Delete sentence in second paragraph.	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Part A(2)(a)
Pages 8-9	Part A.4.4, Open Space Land Use Requirements	“Land uses that are not allowable include: Hydraulic Fracturing/HDD”	Delete “Hydraulic Fracturing/HDD.” Add “The surface activities associated with fracking which include, but are not limited to, the well bore mouth, well head, well pad, drilling site, storage facility, transport equipment, and wastewater disposal such as injection wells, evaporation ponds, and discharge into surface water.”	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Part A(2)(a) FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Part A(2)(b)
Pages 13-14	Part A.6.1, Allowable Uses of Open Space		Add Hydraulic Fracturing/HDD as a generally allowable use of open space.	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Principles (A)
Page 15	Part A.6.2, Non-allowable Land Uses of Open Space	“The land uses of acquired open space that are not generally allowed: Hydraulic fracturing/HDD”	Delete “Hydraulic fracturing/HDD.”	FEMA Policy #302-094-03 Principles (A)