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MISSISSIPPI'S FEMA Risk MAP & FLOOD MAPPING PROGRAM STATUS - QUARTERLY UPDATE

To provide information to Mississippi county, local community officials and other potential stakeholders on the status of ongoing FEMA Risk MAP & Flood Mapping Program projects, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality – Office of Geology is providing this quarterly update. The counties shown in various colors on the map of Mississippi to the right, have current active flood mapping studies. The different colors indicate the phase of study a county is in according to the color-coded legend below. The counties in the Review, Compliance or Effective phases have new preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) which have been posted for review on the MDEQ Flood Mapping website at the following link:

<http://geology.deq.ms.gov/floodmaps/Projects/RiskMAP/>

The following table shows HUC_8 Basins, study status, and dates of important meetings, events and milestones for ongoing Mississippi projects for different counties. For additional information or resources concerning FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Flood Hazard Mapping, go to the following link:

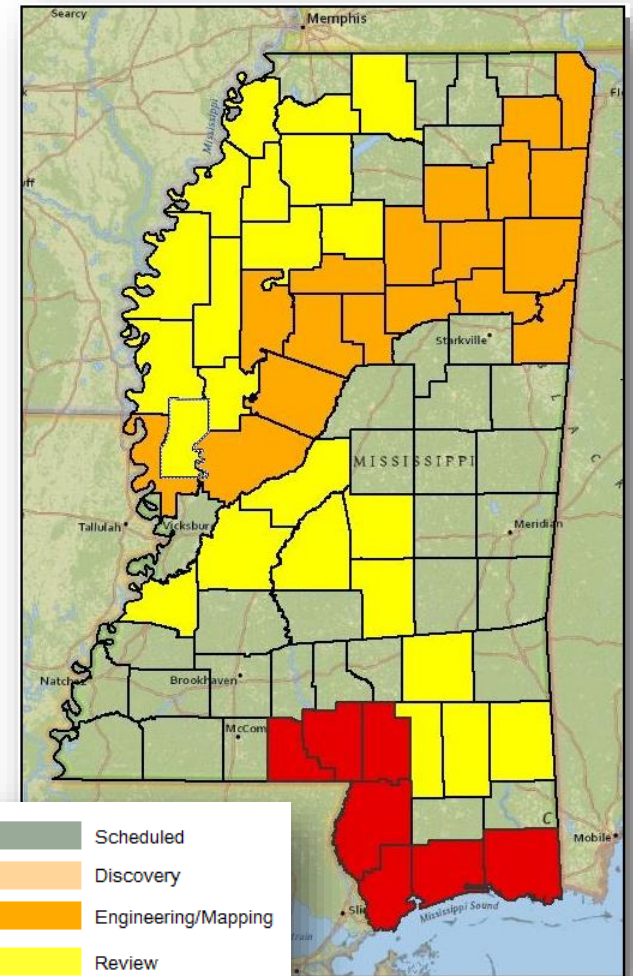
<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-flood-hazard-mapping>

For information on Floodplain Management in Mississippi, go to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's (MEMA) following link: <http://www.msema.org/floodplain-management/>

To view FEMA's effective National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer and to print a NFHL FIRMette or Full Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) go to FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) website at:

<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-hazard-layer-nfhl>

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COUNTY	HUC_8 BASIN	DISCOVERY MEETING DATE	FLOOD RISK REVIEW MEETING DATE	PRELIMINARY FIRM DELIVERY DATE	PRELIMINARY DFIRM COMMUNITY COORDINATION (PDCC) MEETING DATE	FLOOD RISK OPENHOUSE DATE	APPEAL START DATE	APPEAL END DATE	LETTER OF FINAL DETERMINATION (LFD) DATE	RESILIENCE MEETING DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
PROJECT PHASES		DISCOVERY	ENGINEERING/MAPPING	REVIEW & APPEALS				COMPLIANCE		EFFECTIVE	
Harrison, Jackson	MS Coastal	6/14/2012	9/16/2015	2/29/2016	4/12/2016	4/12/2016	9/30/2016	1/3/2017	6/21/2017	7/11/2018	12/21/2017
Hancock	MS Coastal & Lower Pearl River	6/14/2012	9/16/2015	2/29/2016	4/13/2016	4/13/2016	9/30/2016	1/3/2017	3/27/2019	4/18/2019	9/27/2019
Pearl River	MS Coastal & Lower Pearl River	2/7/2012	9/16/2015	2/29/2016	4/13/2016	4/13/2016	9/20/2018	12/18/2018	3/27/2019	11/7/2019 Poplarville	9/27/2019
Lamar, Marion, Walthall	Lower Pearl River	2/27/2012	9/17/2015	3/28/2016	7/29/2016	7/29/2016	9/20/2018	12/18/2018	4/18/2019	11/7/2019 Poplarville	10/18/2019
Rankin, Scott, Smith	Middle Pearl-Strong	6/26/2012	1/9/2017	2/9/2018	4/10/2018	4/10/2018	8/8/2019	11/6/2019	Planned April-2020		
Claiborne, Hinds, Madison	Middle Pearl Strong & Lower Big Black	6/26/2012 & 12/13/2012	10/20/2016	2/9/2018	4/12/2018 4/26/2018	4/12/2018 4/26/2018	8/8/2019	11/6/2019	Planned April-2020		
Itawamba, Monroe	Tenn-Tom LAMP	1/23/2014, 6/12/2014	7/28/2014, 8/11/2014	10/14/2016	2/15/2017, 2/16/2017	2/15/2017, 2/16/2017	8/23/2017	11/20/2017	8/15/2018	NA	2/15/2019
Benton, Coahoma, Desoto, Marshall, Quitman, Tate, Tunica	Coldwater Basin	3/26/2014	9/6/2018	11/14/2018	Marks 2/7/2019 Holly Springs 1/30/2019	Marks 2/7/2019 Holly Springs 1/30/2019	10/9/2019	1/7/2020	Planned June-2020		
Panola, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha	Tallahatchie Basin	2/20/2014	12/5/2018	2/13/2019	Batesville 3/18/2019	Batesville 3/18/2019 Charleston 3/19/2019	Panola Co. 10/11/2019 Tallahatchie Co. 10/10/2019 Yalobusha Co. 10/10/2019	Panola Co. 1/9/2020 Tallahatchie Co. 1/8/2019 Yalobusha Co. 1/8/2019	TBD		
Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington	Big Sunflower Basin	7/9/2013	7/12/2018	11/14/2018	Indianola 1/16/2019 Clarksdale 1/17/2019	Indianola 1/16/2019 Clarksdale 1/17/2019	10/7/2019	Planned 1/7/2020	Planned 5/6/2020		
Jasper, Jones, Wayne, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene	Lower Leaf Basin	11/5/2015	Laurel 3/20/2019 Petal 3/21/2019	6/28/2019	Laurel 8/19/2019 Petal 8/20/2019	Laurel 8/19/2019 Petal 8/20/2019	TBD	TBD			
Leflore, Carroll, Humphreys, Holmes, Yazoo	Upper Yazoo Basin	12/3/2013	TBD Summer 2020	Planned 10/31/2020							
Bolivar, Issaquena, Sharkey, Warren, Washington	Deer-Steele Basin	6/26/2018	TBD	TBD							

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Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Grenada	Yalobusha Basin	6/27/2018	TBD	TBD							
Prentiss, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Chickasaw, Lowndes, Clay	Upper Tombigbee Basin	Amory 2/21/2019	TBD	TBD							
Rankin	Pearson Levee LAMP Project - City of Pearl	1st 11/2/2017, 2nd 1/13/2018, 3rd 9/11/2018	12/17/2019	Planned February 2020							
Carroll, Grenada, Leflore	Potococowa Levee LAMP Project - Carroll Co.	1st 10/22/2018 2nd 1/31/2019	TBD								
Washington	Greenville Harbor Dike LAMP Project	1st 12/4/2018 2nd 1/31/2019	TBD								
Holmes, Leflore, Carroll	Abiaca Creek Levee LAMP Project (Tchula)	1st 2/20/2019 2nd 3/19/2019	TBD								

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Upper Yazoo Watershed Outreach Meeting, Lexington, MS, November 8, 2019.



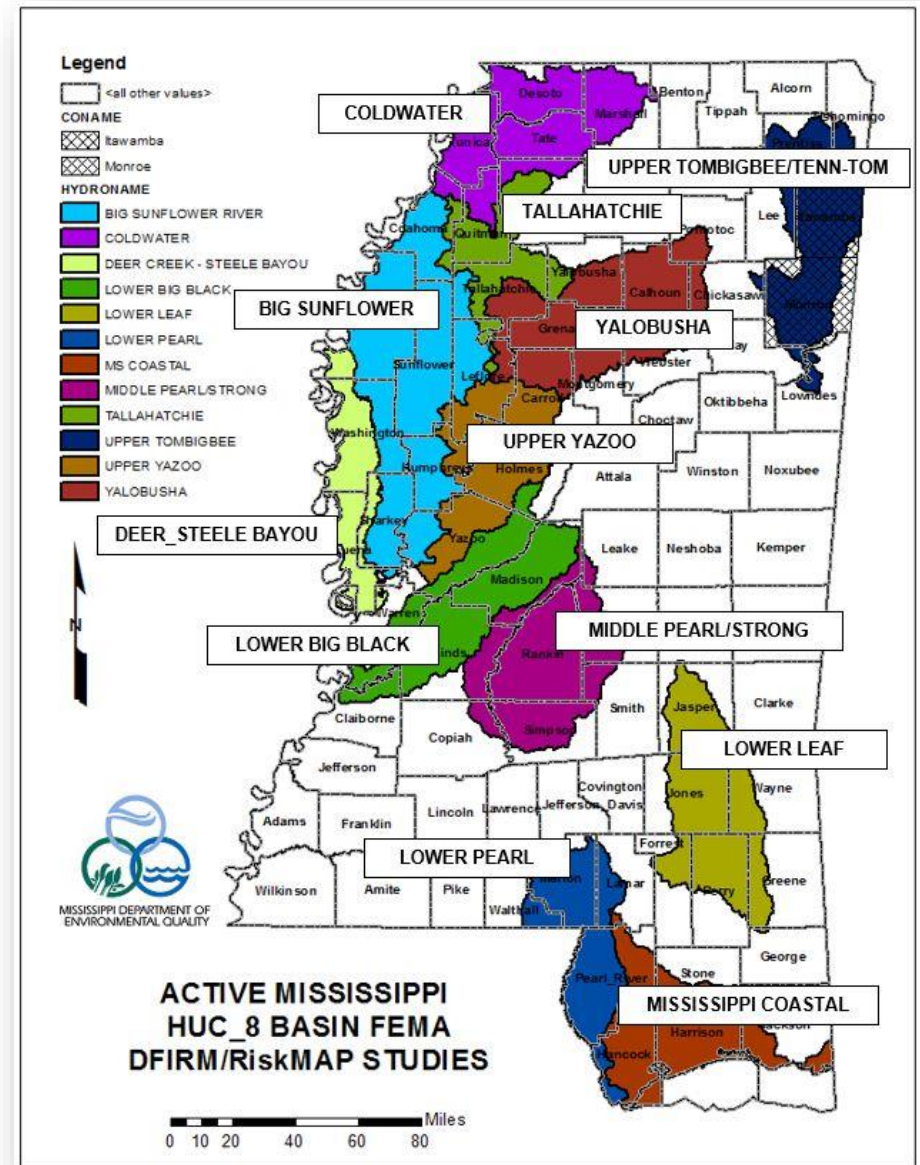
Lower Pearl River Resilience Meeting, Poplarville, MS, November 7, 2019.

Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP)

What is Risk MAP? Not only is flooding one of the most common and costly disasters, flood risk can also change over time because of new building and development, weather patterns and other factors. Although the frequency or severity of impacts cannot be changed, FEMA is working with federal, state, tribal and local partners across the nation to identify flood risk and promote informed planning and development practices to help reduce that risk through the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) program.

Risk MAP is the successor to FEMA's Map Modernization (Map Mod) program and expands the focus to include risk assessment, mitigation planning, and traditional hazard identification (flood mapping or DFIRM) activities. Risk MAP is meant to help better inform communities as they make decisions related to reducing flood risk by implementing mitigation actions. Where Map Mod studies were county-wide based, Risk MAP studies are based on HUC_8 basins and may include portions or all of multiple counties and cities/towns. In addition to the traditional DFIRM regulatory products, non-regulatory products will be delivered to the communities to help in their flood mitigation and planning activities. The map to the right shows the 12 different currently active Risk MAP HUC_8 Basin projects in Mississippi.

Risk MAP provides high quality [flood maps and information](#), [tools to better assess the risk from flooding](#) and planning and outreach support to communities to help them take action to reduce (or [mitigate](#)) flood risk. Each Risk MAP flood risk project is tailored to the needs of each community and may involve different products and services. To learn more about the [goals and long-term vision of Risk MAP](#), how the program works and what it means for you go to FEMA's Risk MAP website at the following link: <https://www.fema.gov/risk-mapping-assessment-and-planning-risk-map#>



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