The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has published a FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) that shows flood hazard areas in Lee County, Mississippi. The map is used for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and provides information necessary for determining flood insurance rates.

**Areas of Special Flood Hazard**
- **Zone AE**: Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding.
- **Zone VE**: Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and where the floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of obstructions.
- **Zone AH**: Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and where flood elevations are determined.

**Other Areas**
- **Areas of Undetermined Flood Hazard**: Areas in which flood hazard is undetermined, but possible.
- **Floodways**: Areas designated for development as floodways to prevent flooding.

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO SUBSIDENCE BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD**
- The FIRM shows areas subject to subsidence by the 1% annual chance flood.
- Subsidence may affect the accuracy of the FIRM elevations.

**National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**
- The NFIP requires individuals to buy flood insurance in areas identified as special flood hazard areas.
- The FIRM is essential for determining flood insurance rates.

**References**
- FEMA: www.fema.gov