

DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release updates Departmental policy for Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection (520 DM 1 – 2). The policy and responsibilities in 520 DM 1 are updated and a new chapter, 520 DM 2 is added that provides the program requirements. The revised policy implements the requirements of Executive Order (EO) 13690 *Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input* (January 2015). The EO 13690 amended EO 11988 and established a national policy to improve preparedness and resilience against flooding. It provides for a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard for federally funded projects, defines as actions where Federal funds are used for new construction, substantial improvement, or addressing substantial damage to structures and facilities. Additionally, EO 13690 directs agencies to use natural systems, ecosystem processes, and nature-based approaches, where possible, in the development of alternatives for all actions and a higher level of resilience for critical actions.

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