



September 17, 2020

The Honorable David Barrow  
Mayor of Central  
13421 Hooper Road, Suite 8  
Central, Louisiana 70818

Dear Mayor Barrow:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the results of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) field verification findings based on your 5-year cycle verification. The field verification report is enclosed for your records.

Congratulations! The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that the City of Central will increase to a Class 7 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualify it for a 15 percent discount on flood insurance premiums for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after October 1, 2020. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage.

Please note that Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map, are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of 10 percent in Class 1–6 communities and 5 percent in Class 7–9 communities. The rates for the above-mentioned policies already reflect significant premium reductions.

The CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually as long as there are no NFIP noncompliance actions, so a notification letter will not be sent every year. This annual renewal will take place as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify in your annual recertification documentation. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established 5-year cycle. In the interim, FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator to keep your community informed.

I commend you on your community actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, property protection, and protects the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region VI Office, CRS Coordinator David Hiegel by telephone at (940) 898-5405.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William H. Lesser", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

William H. Lesser, CRS Coordinator  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure

cc: Kathi Cowen, CRS Coordinator



COMMUNITY  
RATING  
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION  
REPORT

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**City of Central, LA**

**Verified Class 7**

NFIP Number: 220060

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: September 17, 2019

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 1677 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community improve from a CRS Class 8 to a CRS Class 7. The following is a summary of our findings with the total credit points for each activity noted in parenthesis:

**Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates:** The Floodplain Management Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (35 points)

**Activity 320 – Map Information Service:** Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with basic flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The service is publicized annually and records are maintained. (30 points)

**Activity 330 – Outreach Projects:** Credit is provided for informational outreach projects, general outreach projects, and targeted outreach projects. These projects are disseminated annually. Credit is also provided for having a pre-flood plan for public information. Credit is enhanced by having a Program for Public Information (PPI), and by having the information disseminated by stakeholders outside the local government. (297 points)

**Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure:** Credit is also provided for state and community regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (20 points)

**Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information:** Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the East Baton Rouge Public Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (46 points)

**Activity 360 – Flood Protection Assistance:** Credit is provided for offering one-on-one advice regarding property protection. (25 points)

**Activity 370 – Flood Insurance Promotion:** Credit is provided for assessing the community's current level of flood insurance coverage and assessing shortcomings. Credit is also provided for development and implementation of a coverage improvement plan. Credit for implementing a coverage improvement plan is enhanced by having a PPI and stakeholder involvement. (90 points)

**Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation:** Credit is provided for preserving approximately 4 percent of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as open space and preserving open space land in a natural state. (63 points)

**Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards:** Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require development limitations, freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction, foundation protection, and local drainage protection. Credit is also provided for the enforcement of building codes, a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 4/3, and regulations administration. (403 points)

**Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance:** Credit is provided for maintaining and using additional map data in the day to day management of the floodplain. (122 points)

**Activity 450 – Stormwater Management:** The community enforces regulations for soil and erosion control. (41 points)

**Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category:** Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of March 31, 2019, the City of Central, LA has 93 repetitive loss properties and is a Category C community for CRS purposes. The community is required to submit either a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis or Floodplain Management Plan. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

**Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning:** Credit is provided for the adoption and implementation of the East Baton Rouge Parish Hazard Mitigation Update - 2016, adopted July 13, 2017. A progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. (189 points)

**Activity 520 – Acquisition and Relocation:** Credit is provided for acquiring and relocating 37 buildings from the community's regulatory floodplain. (190 points)

**Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance:** A portion of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed. Credit is also provided for listing problem sites that are inspected more frequently. (126 points)

**Activity 710 – County Growth Adjustment:** All credit in the 400 series is multiplied by the growth rate of the county to account for growth pressures. The growth rate for East Baton Rouge Parish, LA is 1.02.

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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Date Report Prepared: March 12, 2020

Community : City of Central, LA

NFIP Number : 220060

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**720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):**

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**CALCULATION SECTION :**

Verified Activity Calculations:				Credit
c310	35			35
c320	30			30
c330	297			297
c340	20			20
c350	46			46
c360	25			25
c370	90			90
c410		x CGA	=	
c420	62	x CGA	1.02 =	63
c430	395	x CGA	1.02 =	403
c440	120	x CGA	1.02 =	122
c450	40	x CGA	1.02 =	41
c510	189			189
c520	190			190
c530				
c540	126			126
c610				
c620				
c630				

**Community Classification Calculation:**

cT = total of above	cT = <u>1677</u>
Community Classification (from Table 110-1):	Class = <u>7</u>

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