



The Presidents' Forum

on Meeting Coastal Challenges

Implications of Federal and State Legislation and Regulation

- *Cindy O'Neal, Certified Floodplain Manager, Louisiana National Flood Insurance Program State Coordinator, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development*
- *Rod Emmer, Executive Director, Louisiana Floodplain Management Association*
- *Henry Fry, Deputy Assistant Secretary/Acting State Fire Marshal, Office of the State Fire Marshal*
- *Wayne Berggren, Certified Floodplain Manager and Building Inspector, City of Mandeville*
- *Clay Menard, Secretary-Treasurer, Vermilion Parish Police Jury*
- *Moderator: Patricia Skinner, Disaster Programs Coordinator, LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Sea Grant*

President's Forum on Meeting Coastal Challenges:

Planning for Safer Growth in Coastal Louisiana

March 23, 2006

Cindy O'Neal, CFM

**Department of Transportation &
Development**

Floodplain Management Section

State Coordinating Agency

**National Flood
Insurance Program**

Adopt and Enforce

Flood Damage
Prevention Ordinance

Permit all Development

Development

- Any man-made change to improved and unimproved real estate *including*:
 - New Construction
 - Substantial improvement
 - Mining
 - Dredging
 - Paving
 - Grading
 - Paving
 - Excavation or drilling operations
 - Storage of equipment or materials
 - Placement of Manufactured Homes

In Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)

- Residential
 - New construction and substantial improvement must be elevated to or above the base flood elevation
- Non-Residential
 - New construction and substantial improvement must be elevated (or floodproofed) to or above the base flood elevation

Substantial Damage

- Substantial Damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Higher Regulatory Standards

- Freeboard
- 40% Substantial Damage
- Cumulative Substantial Improvement/Damage

Floodplain Management Section

Initial Disaster Response

- Responded to numerous NFIP questions
- Contacted affected communities
- Maintained constant communication with FEMA Region VI
- Assisted skeleton crew at the Joint Field Office (JFO).



By Arthur Beale / courtesy USACE

Floodplain Management Section

Post-Disaster Response

- Continues to respond to numerous NFIP questions.
- Visited declared communities
- Serving as Governor appointed member of State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT) developing Short-Term strategy for allocation of grant funds.
- Serving on Transportation and Infrastructure LRA Action Team



Information & Education

- Today and beyond