



FIRM Updates – NCTCOG Areas

Flood Risk Task Force Meeting
January 18, 2018



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Government Shut Down Impacts

- ▶ **Federal Register printing is currently halted.**
 - LFD for Dallas and Tarrant Counties issued 09/21/2018
 - Effective release scheduled 03/21/2019
 - **Please work closely with Lauren Fulton (FMI) and report local adoption of FIRMs.**
- ▶ **Fiscal Year 19 budget has not been provided, Regional allocation is currently unknown.**
- ▶ **FEMA's Grant Management staff is currently furloughed.**
- ▶ **Project and program planning continues**

The Reality of the Situation

EXPECTATION

44 CFR 60.3

Communities have
floodplain regulations

Part 65

Updates are being
submitted by
community as
development occurs

**FIRMs are up to
date**

BUT...

DEVELOPMENT is
occurring more rapidly
than communities may
be able to study.

PROJECTS are
being completed,
coordination is not
always occurring.

**COMMUNITY
STAFF** have more to
do than floodplain
management.

REALITY

Majority of the
Nation's FIRMs
are in need of
update.

If the map is
WRONG or **OUT
OF DATE** it is still
EFFECTIVE.

We are Listening, We are Committed

- Transparency

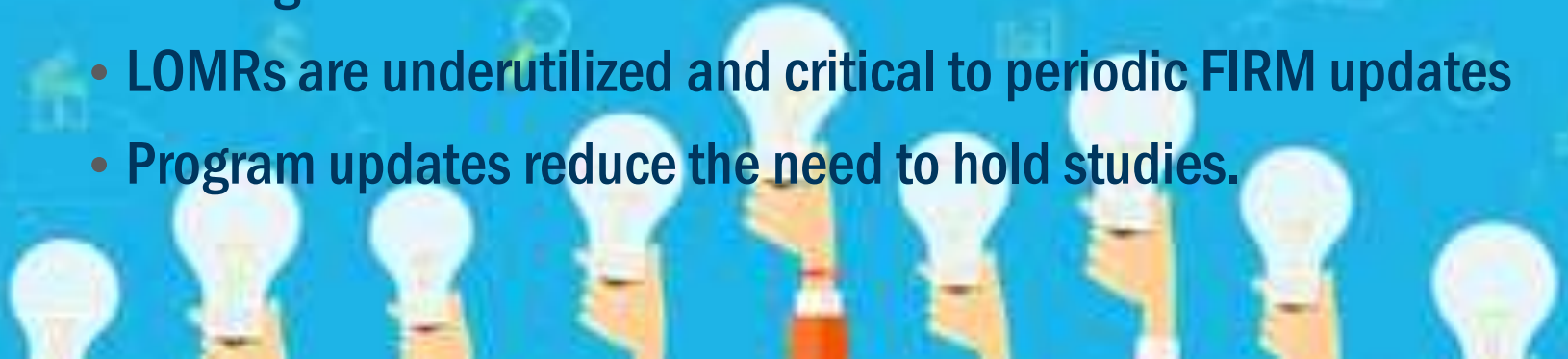
- Local input and data availability will identify items included
- Deadlines will be set, we intend to hold firm

- Coordination, early and often

- Knowing what each other are doing is key to reducing the historic FIRM update issues

- FIRM Maintenance “Counseling”

- Leverage all avenues for FIRM maintenance
- LOMRs are underutilized and critical to periodic FIRM updates
- Program updates reduce the need to hold studies.



Map Maintenance – The MINIMUM Rules

Code of Federal Regulations requires:

- Submittal of local updates when construction alters **water surface elevation**, **floodplain** or **floodway**
- **Due process is required prior to modeling becoming effective**
- **Effective can only include current existing conditions**

Also...

- **Identifies local community as permitting authority, decision maker**
- **Local community can be more restrictive & have higher standards**
- **Local community can adopt prior to effective**



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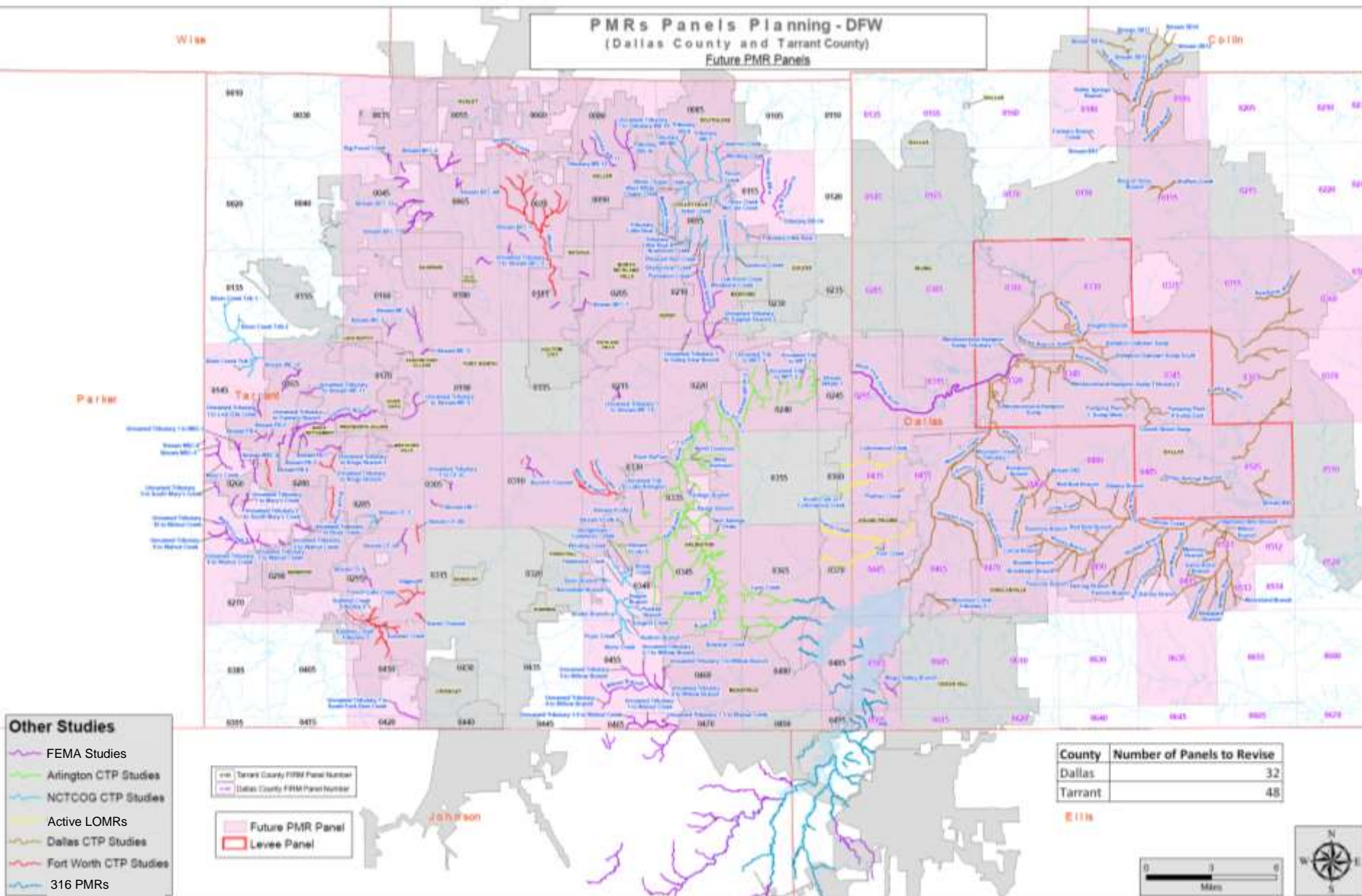


The Next FIRM Update for DFW



- ▶ FEMA has studies (PTS/CTP/Local 316PMR) in 14 of the 16 counties that can be incorporated into a set of preliminary FIRMs
 - FEMA Production by Production Technical Services
 - (+) CTP Production (FEMA/Partner funded)
 - (+) FEMA funding for Large Local LOMRs (316PMR)
- ▶ We are interested in collecting the following from you:
 - Local Study available, would like it on FIRM
 - LOMR Submittal working/planned
 - **Input requested prior to next Task Force meeting (03/29/2019)**

PMRs Panels Planning -DFW (Dallas County and Tarrant County) Future PMR Panels



- Other Studies**
- FEMA Studies
 - Arlington CTP Studies
 - NCTCOG CTP Studies
 - Active LOMRs
 - Dallas CTP Studies
 - Fort Worth CTP Studies
 - 316 PMRs

0001 Tarrant County FIRM Panel Number
0002 Dallas County FIRM Panel Number
Future PMR Panel
Levee Panel

County	Number of Panels to Revise
Dallas	32
Tarrant	48

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Expectation Setting



- Validate study location/reach
- Completeness check for all available

Deadline 03/29/2019

If new mileage, not FEMA \$ → LOMR



- Create FIRM updates
- Prepare Project Detail Forms

Share project breakouts with FRMTF in May 2019

New Study? → LOMR



- Hold Kick Off Meetings for Preliminary FIRM preparation

Share Target Prelim dates at July Meeting

New Study? → LOMR



- Best Available Data presentation
- Updates each meeting
- Best Practice Sharing

Sept & Nov 2019

Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov 2020

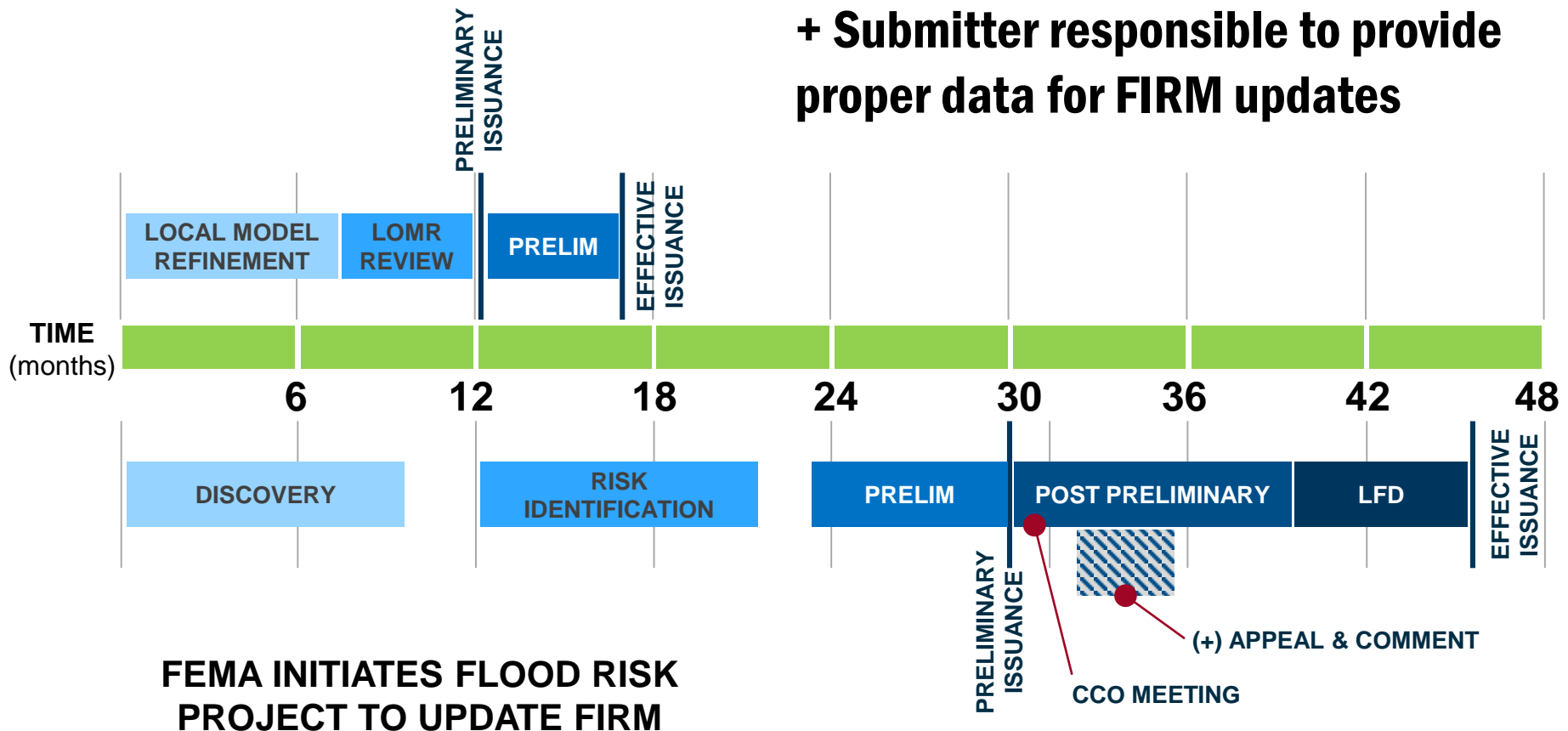
Why should I submit a LOMR?

- ▶ **Communities can leverage permitting procedures and local engineering submittals to refine, revise and maintain FIRMs**
- ▶ **Concern – Managing multiple maps/models**
 - LOMRs allow processing, review and incorporation
- ▶ **Concern – Updates take so long**
 - Local modeling submittal/receipt without review may cause delay
 - LOMR indicates community request to update map based on submittal
- ▶ **Concern – Model pieces versus stream length**
 - Communities can require updates and maintain local modeling
- ▶ **Concern – Some other submittal is stalling all**
 - Multiple updates, less area, reduced community count, better coordination



Why should I submit a LOMR?

LOCAL LOMR SUBMITTAL TO UPDATE FIRM



+ Reduced processing time through LOMR process

+ Submitter responsible to provide proper data for FIRM updates

Floodplain Management Goals



- protection of life, health, and property
- protection of public and private infrastructure
- improving public flood risk awareness
- reduction in rescue and relief efforts
- reduction of economic and social hardships
- compliance with minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Standards
- lower flood insurance premiums



Looking forward to your input!

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