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Department of Community Affairs

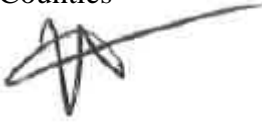
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Construction Officials  
in Sandy-Impacted Counties

FROM: Edward M. Smith   
Director  
Division of Codes and Standards

DATE: November 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Homes with a Substantial Damage Determination  
Required to elevate by October 29, 2018

As many of you are aware, under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), homes determined by the floodplain administrator to be substantially damaged were allowed four years from the date of the event to comply with the requirement to elevate. That deadline was subsequently extended by FEMA to six years from the date of the event or October 29, 2018.

In many municipalities, such homes were repaired and reoccupied following Sandy. Temporary Certificates of Occupancy or Certificates of Occupancy with conditions were issued to allow homeowners to return to their homes in advance of completing the required elevation of the home.

At this time, we would like to determine how many such homes (those that were substantially damaged, repaired and reoccupied) have not yet been elevated. Because of the number of appeals and reevaluations of substantial damage determinations, it is recommended that the list be reviewed with the floodplain administrator to verify that the homes on the list are still categorized as substantially damaged as that term is defined under the NFIP. Please send a list to the Department at the below e-mail address no later than January 1 with the number and addresses of the homes in your municipality that were categorized as substantially damaged, are currently occupied and have not yet been elevated.

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Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.