

THREE PROCESSES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH FEMA FOR REMOVING A PROPERTY AND OR A STRUCTURE/S FROM A SFHA.

1. *Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).*

The LOMA, requires an Elevation Certificate (EC) provided by a certified land surveyor. The EC establishes that the property/structure is at least 1 foot above the Base Flood Elevation. There is no cost for submitting a LOMA to FEMA.

2. *Letter of Map Revision based on Fill. (LOMR-F)*

A LOMR-F also requires an Elevation Certificate. This process determines if a structure or property has been elevated, do to imported fill, above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). There is a cost associated with this process for submitting to FEMA.

3. *Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).*

The LOMR process changes flood zones, provides delineations and new elevations for a large area using hydraulic analysis provided by a licensed practicing Professional Engineer (PE). There is a substantial cost associated for submittal to FEMA, therefore, it is practical only for large subdivisions and commercial properties.

What is a Base Flood Elevation (BFE), you ask?

A BFE indicates the water surface elevation resulting from a flood that has a one (1) percent chance of equaling or exceeding that level in any given year. Also known as the 100 year flood.

In the City of Albuquerque (COA), it is required that all structures are built at least one (1) foot above the BFE, including basements. However, certain provisions can be met for flood proofing, or flood protection for basements and other facilities.

An pictured example of building one (1) foot above the BFE is given on the next slide.



Building 1ft above the BFE can really help!

This depiction is not of the City of Albuquerque, just an example

