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Hi all,

I'm addressing this to zoning authorities in St. Louis county and DNR staff who I thought would be interested. (Please let me know if I should be using different emails, and if different or additional staff or elected/appointed officials should be included in the email updates DNR sends communities about this map update process). Feel free to pass this information on to others.

Some of you have been anxiously waiting for these preliminary new FEMA maps, but it may be a surprise to others.

FEMA mailed paper copies of the preliminary new Flood maps, the preliminary new Flood Insurance Study and cover letters on 10/28/2022. All cities, the townships that do floodplain zoning and the county should have received those by now. (I know DNR copies were here when I came to the office today.)

Which communities have FEMA mapped higher risk areas on these preliminary new maps?

Aurora, Babbitt*, Biwabik, Brookston*, Cook, Duluth, Ely, Floodwood, Gnesen twp, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Iron Junction*, Lakewood twp, Meadowlands*, Midway twp, Mountain Iron, Orr*, Proctor, Rice Lake, SLC unincorporated, Tower*, Virginia and Winton*. **Community that does not currently participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. (We'll send a separate note about how to get enrolled and the benefits to your community and residents.)*

(The follow do not have FEMA mapped higher risk flood areas: Buhl, Chisholm, Eveleth, Gilbert, Kinney, Leonidas, and McKinley. None of these communities currently participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, but you can if you'd like your residents to have the choice to purchase flood insurance.)

How to see FEMA's preliminary new maps in a nice interactive viewer:

- FEMA's [Flood Map Changes Viewer \(FMCV\)](#) is a user friendly interactive map, and likely to be your best way to look at the FEMA preliminary new maps.
- User hints: Select the layer icon in the upper right, expand to see the layers, turn off the "Effective FIRM Panels" to get rid of dots (used for paper maps)
- Communities with existing Letters of Map Amendments (LOMAs) and Letters of Map Revisions based on fill (LOMR-Fs) will want to expand the National Flood Hazard Layer and

The screenshot shows the ArcGIS interface with a map of a flood hazard area. The map displays a green area labeled "Zone A" and a red-outlined area labeled "PANEL 27137C1550E eff. 9/9/999". Several LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment) points are marked with purple dots and labeled with LOMA numbers and effective dates: LOMA 10-05-0489A eff. 12/15/2019, LOMA 10-05-6121A eff. 10/29/2019, LOMA 10-05-7662A eff. 9/27/2018, and LOMA 10-06-6169A eff. 10/30/2018. The Layer List panel on the right shows a list of layers, with "LOMAs" highlighted in a red circle.

Layer List

- ☒ Preliminary Changes Since Last FIRM Layer
- ☒ Pending National Flood Hazard Layer
- ☒ Preliminary National Flood Hazard Layer
- ☐ Effective FIRM Panels
- ☒ National Flood Hazard Layer
- ☒ NFHL Availability
- ☐ FIRM Panels
- ☒ LOMRs
- ☒ LOMAs
- ☒ Political Jurisdictions
- ☒ Profile Baselines

Want pdf copies of map panels and the Flood Insurance Study? You can get those at [FEMA's preliminaries download site](#).

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