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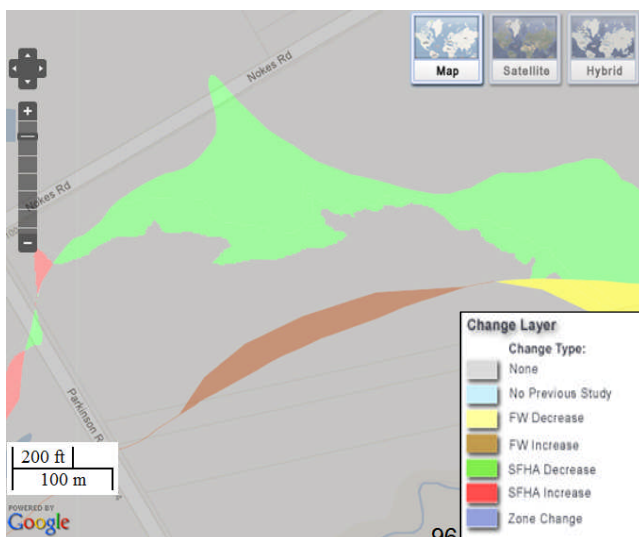
# Has Your Flood Risk Changed?

## Have New Maps Identified New Flood Risks to Your Home?

Is there a new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your area? Residents of FEMA Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) can locate their property and determine if they are affected by the map changes at <http://maps.riskmap6.com>. FEMA's Flood Information Portal is designed to allow fast, convenient access to flood risk data within those areas affected by a flood map update.

## Areas of Changed Flood Risk

Information can be found through address search, by panel identification, or by standard map navigation methods. Both effective FIRM and newly issued preliminary FIRM layers are available within the Portal. The default map view starts with a Change Layer that represents the difference between the effective FIRM and Preliminary FIRM maps in areas of Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) increase or decrease. The user also has the option of generating a summary report for any point of interest.

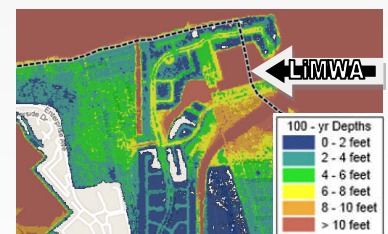


## Additional Map Layers

In an effort to assist community officials in building a support base for hazard mitigation sustainability and resilience discussions, FEMA has developed additional tools and map layers with the latest technology to provide a clearer picture of the flood risk within a community.

To help communities and individuals better understand their coastal flood risk, a new informational layer – the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) is now depicted on coastal Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

More information on the LiMWA is available at [http://www.txchart.com/Documents/ResourcesDocument/LiMWA%20Factsheet\\_062912.pdf](http://www.txchart.com/Documents/ResourcesDocument/LiMWA%20Factsheet_062912.pdf)



Some communities will also find an additional non-regulatory mapping product on FEMA's Flood Information Portal, the 100-yr Flood Depth Grid. It can be viewed when a toggle is available in the Map Layers of <http://maps.RiskMAP6.com>.

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### Three Ways to Look up Property

For ideal viewing, select layers within one map layer group at a time – Change layer, Preliminary DFIRM, or Effective FIRM. Complete the *Search by Address* form (see image). For best results, include the full street address of the residence. When searching for road intersections, include city and state information, at a minimum. Once the form is complete, click the ‘Search’ button to proceed. If the map panel of the property is known, a search using the *Search by FIRM Panel #* form can be performed.

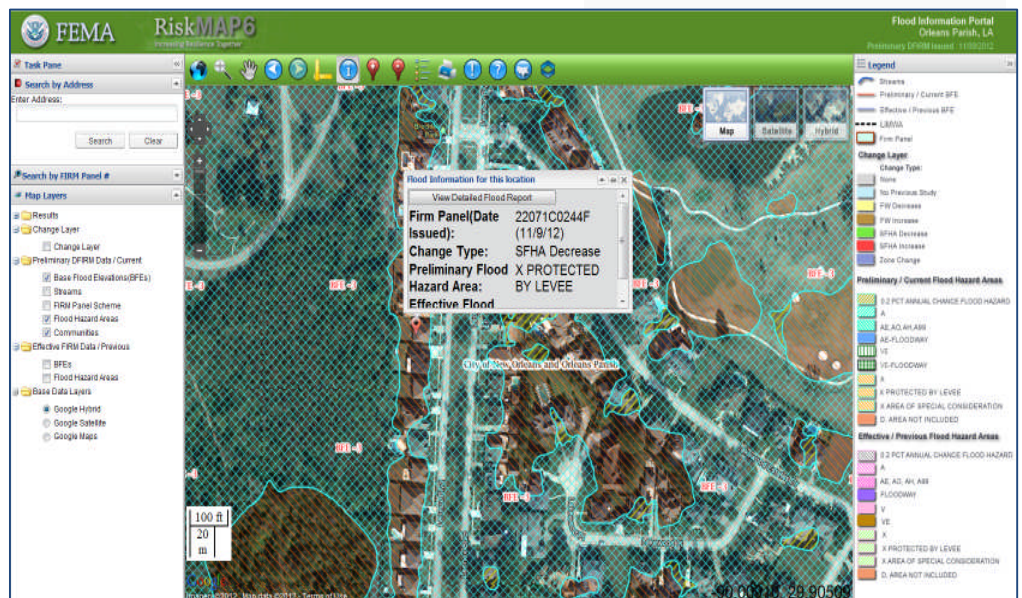
Navigation tools in the toolbar can also be used to locate the area of interest. After locating a property, use the ‘Identify Feature Property’ button on the navigation toolbar to mark the property and view the flood information. A detailed flood report of the identified area can be generated from this window. The map legend is found on the right side of the mapping portal page and a *Help Document* is available in the navigation toolbar.

### Now That You Know Your Risk, What Next?

Has anything changed? Knowing where and when map changes are occurring will help you understand the best insurance option. Flooding can happen anywhere, but certain areas are especially prone to serious flooding. The FIRMs are a tool used by community officials and residents to help them understand flood risk and make informed decisions about financially protecting their property. To learn more on flooding and flood risks, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

### Limits to the Mapping Tool

While the floodplain data that is shown on the map is the same, this map is not an official FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM). This Interactive Mapping Tool is not intended for insurance rating purposes and is for information only. The positional accuracy may be compromised in some areas. The map is not 100 percent accurate in locating your address. Please contact your local floodplain administrator for more information or to view an official copy of the FIRM.



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