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Elevation Certificates—FEMA Form 81-31

You should have all received the notice that was sent via the listserv regarding the NFIP Elevation Certificate expiring on March 31st. If you didn't, the notice basically stated that the form (along with the Floodproofing Certificate) will expire at the end of March. The new forms are not expected to be released until after the 31st, so continue to use the expired form until the new one comes out. There will be a 'phase-in' period when both forms will be accepted. We'll keep you posted and send you the new version and the phase-in period timeframe when they are released.

Since the current version of the Elevation Certificate is expiring in March, we thought we'd have a little refresher activity for you. Review the diagrams below and answer the questions asked. If you need help, go to <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1383>.



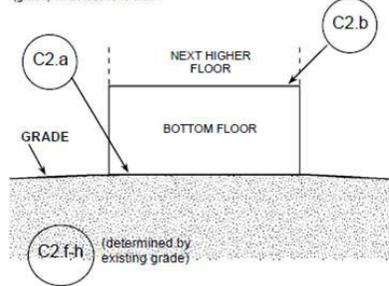
**For every correct answer,
you can add that egg to
your basket! How many
eggs can you get?
Happy Hunting!**



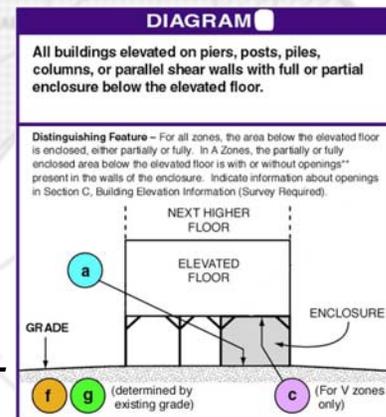
Question #1: What Diagram Number is this?

All slab-on-grade single- and multiple-floor buildings (other than split-level) and high-rise buildings, either detached or row type (e.g., townhouses); with or without attached garage.

Distinguishing Feature – The bottom floor is at or above ground level (grade) on at least one side.*



Question #2: Where is C2.b below?



All buildings elevated on piers, posts, piles, columns, or parallel shear walls with full or partial enclosure below the elevated floor.

Distinguishing Feature – For all zones, the area below the elevated floor is enclosed, either partially or fully. In A Zones, the partially or fully enclosed area below the elevated floor is with or without openings** present in the walls of the enclosure. Indicate information about openings in Section C, Building Elevation Information (Survey Required).



Question #3: What Diagram Number is this?



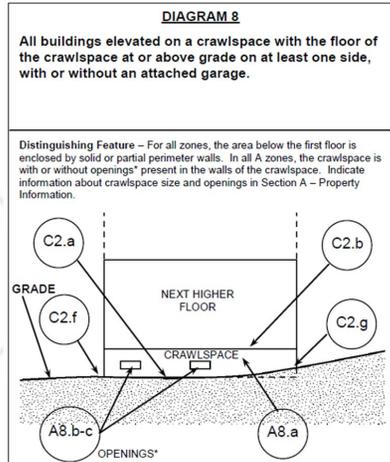
Question #4: Enclosures are for _____, _____ and storage only.



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Question #5: If the crawl space is below ground level on all sides, then the space, by definition is a _____.



Question #6: What is the difference between Diagrams 1a and 1b?

If you have 7 eggs in your basket, come see us at our booth at the SCAHM Conference for some free Easter candy!



CFM Corner: D Zones...Did You Know?

Have you ever seen an area on a FIRM labeled a D Zone? A D Zone is an area where there may be a risk of flooding, but because it has not been mapped, the risk is undetermined. D Zones are not considered a Special Flood Hazard Area. If an area on a FIRM is shown as unmapped, you would use Zone D for rating a property in that area. An area would also be determined to be a Zone D if a community incorporates an unmapped portion of another community. Flood insurance is available and residents in D Zones are encouraged to purchase flood insurance, but it is not mandatory. D Zones are usually sparsely populated and undeveloped. Examples of typical Zone D properties would include military bases, Indian Reservations, and National Parks.

Counties with maps going effective before the next newsletter:

Aiken County

Maps Effective June 19, 2012

The participating communities within the above listed county will need to update and re-adopt their Flood Prevention Ordinance with the new map effective date and FEMA required language (which changed within the last few months). This office has revised the state model ordinance, so if you've used the model in the past, and wish to use it again, please prepare the ordinance for re-adoption using **Version 9**. This version has been emailed to the affected communities, but if you need a copy, call or email us.

Remember that we request that the ordinance be reviewed here before it goes to council for readings, and that a true or certified copy must be sent to us **before** the map effective date.

Our goal is to have these compliant and adopted at least one month prior to the map effective date. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Training:

Please see the website for the latest postings of trainings being offered at https://www.dnr.sc.gov/flood/flood_train_info

SCAHM Conference April 3rd-6th in Greenville, SC

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the SCAHM Conference next week! As I mentioned through the listserv, we will have a display booth set up and we plan to give away one of the CocoRaHs rain gauges. We'll have a ton of information that may be useful to you, so stop by our booth and enter to win that rain gauge! We'll be next to our very own **SC Wildlife Shop** which will be selling those Spring necessities like t-shirts, tumblers and toys for the kids! To view the goods available in advance, go to <http://www.scwildlife.com/shop/>. See you soon!