

**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM  
L-278 COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)  
August 15-18, 2016**

The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) is pleased to sponsor a 4-day training course for the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). This is the same class that is conducted at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. We are pleased that Arkansas was chosen to hold a field deployed version of this class in 2016.

**About CRS**

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a nationwide initiative of FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards. Participation in CRS lowers flood insurance premium rates for policyholders within your community. CRS floodplain management activities enhance public safety, reduce damages to property and public infrastructure, avoid economic disruption and losses, reduce human suffering, and protect the environment. Participating in the CRS provides an incentive to maintain and improve your community's overall floodplain management program.

**Course Description**

The course describes activities eligible for credit under the 2013 CRS Coordinator's Manual, how a community applies, and how a community modifies an application to improve its classification. The CRS Program underwent significant changes in 2013 and the updated CRS manual will be taught in this course.

**Course Objectives**

- Describe how to join the CRS program and improve community CRS classifications.
- Identify ways to earn CRS points by reducing and avoiding flood damage to insurable property.
- Understand how to take full advantage of available CRS points as you strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP.
- Describe how to gain CRS points by fostering comprehensive floodplain management.

**Target Audience**

Local and tribal government officials, regional planning officials, NFIP state staff, FEMA regional office staff, and others interested in learning about the CRS in order to provide technical assistance to communities seeking to apply for CRS credit.

**Course Dates & Location**

**August 15-18, 2016** (Monday – Thursday)

On Monday, the class begins promptly at 8:30 am and runs until 5:00 pm. Tuesday – Thursday, class time will be 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Holiday Inn and Arkansas Conference Center  
5200 Convention Parkway  
Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

Reservations: 1-800-315-2621  
Front Desk: 1-800-216-2000



## Cost

Registration Fee: \$50.00

Please make checks payable to: **Arkansas Natural Resources Commission**

This covers all materials for the course. Participants will be provided with a pastries, coffee and juices at the morning break and cookies, coffee and soft drinks for afternoon breaks. Lunch will be on your own.

## Prerequisites

- You must have 2 years of floodplain management experience or a basic knowledge of the NFIP.  
OR
- You must have completed the E/L 273, Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program.  
OR
- You must be a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM).

## Continuing Education

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) awards 2.9 CEUs for completion of this course.

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) and the Arkansas Floodplain Management Association (AFMA) will award 12 CECs toward CFM continuing education. Other CFMs from accredited states should check with their state associations for CECs.

## Registration

All students must complete the attached FEMA Form 119-25-2. **You must obtain a FEMA Student ID number and enter in block #6 on your application.**

### *How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?*

**Step 1: To register, go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>**

**Step 2:** Click on the "Register for a FEMA SID" box.

**Step 3:** Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.

You will receive an e-mail with your SID number. **Put that number in box 3 on the registration form.**

Fill out the application that can be found at this link:

<http://training.fema.gov/apply/119-25-1.pdf?d=2014-12-9>

**Please e-mail, fax, or mail your registration to:**

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