

STATE OF ALASKA

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The Community Rating System (CRS) provides credit to communities for certain state laws, regulations, and standards that support floodplain management within a state and have proven effective in reducing flood damage. This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning state-based credits under the CRS within the above state.

There are two sections to this report: State-based credit, and Other potential credit.

State-based credit is awarded to communities for activities that are implemented and enforced by the state. The credit is provided to each community in the state and documentation is not needed from the community.

Other potential credit lists the CRS activities for which communities may receive CRS credit based on, or due to, state or regional programs or regulations that are implemented within the community. There is also information regarding use of a state-based model ordinance, if present in the state. The potential credits must be verified by the ISO/CRS Specialists within each community, since enforcement is done at the community (or regional) level.

The following is a summary of state-based credit and other potential credit based on the 2017 CRS Coordinator's Manual and 2021 Addendum:

State Based Credit

ACTIVITY	ELEMENT	POINTS
340 (Hazard Disclosure)	ODR-other disclosure requirements	10

Activity 340 (Hazard Disclosure) Element ODR, Other Disclosure Requirements

Alaska has a requirement that sellers must disclose whether the property is in a flood hazard zone, if there is a federal requirement to purchase flood insurance, and previous flood event and/or flood-related property damage as well as related insurance claims.

Citations: Alaska RS § 34.70.010

Alaska Residential Real Property Transfer Disclosure

Other Potential Credit

ISO/CRS Specialists and the community need to determine which credits may apply to an individual community. The following is a summary of activities that are potential credits:

ACTIVITY	ELEMENT
430 (Higher Regulatory Standards)	Other
630 (Dams)	SDS-state dam safety

Activity 430 & Potential Higher Regulatory Standards in the State's Model Ordinance

State Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

The Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs is the State NFIP Coordinating Agency. A model ordinance is mentioned on the agency website, but was not accessible at the time.

Website: Floodplain Management, Local Government Online, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (alaska.gov)

Activity 630 (Dams) Element SDS, State Dam Safety

Credit available for activities of the state's dam safety program is based on the Dam Safety Program Management Tool. Credit for element SDS is limited to communities that would be affected by a flood from the failure of a high-hazard-potential dam. This must be documented with a description and a map.

• Alaska's Department of Natural Resources Dam Safety Program Alaska Dam Safety Program – Division of Mining, Land, and Water

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Inventory of Dams webpage at https://nid.sec.usace.army.mil/#/ documents the dams and flood inundation maps information. FEMA's Dam Safety Office annually verifies element SDS credit.