



STATE OF KANSAS

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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

No state-based credit has been verified at this time.

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
450 (Stormwater Management)	ESC–erosion & sedimentation control WQ–water quality
630 (Dams)	SDS–state dam safety

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

State Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

The Kansas Dept of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources (DWR) is the State NFIP Coordinating Agency.

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/floodplain/NFIP>

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- No model ordinance language is available on the state’s website.

The State of Kansas does not enforce a statewide building code (other than for their own structures), but authorizes local jurisdictions to adopt local building codes. Specialists will verify a community’s adopted building code status for potential credit.

Activity 450 (Stormwater Management)

ESC–EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL WQ–WATER QUALITY

Kansas Construction Stormwater Program, administered by Kansas Dept of Health & Environment (KDHE), Division of Environment. Owners or operators of any project or combination of projects who engage in construction activities which will disturb 1 (one) or more acres must have discharge authorization under the construction stormwater general permit S-MCST-1703-1. This NDPEs general permit is effective through July 31, 2022 (2/2024; the website notes “The previous general permit expired on March 1, 2017 but was administratively extended.”).

Website: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/757/Construction-Stormwater-Program>

The KDHE Policy Planning & Standards Unit develops and maintains the statewide Surface Water Quality Standards, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), water quality permit certifications, 303(d) impaired waters list and supporting documentation.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/27075/Kansas-Surface-Water-Quality-Standards-2022-PDF>

Website: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1379/Policy-Planning-Standards-Unit>

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.

- Kansas Dept of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources runs the state's Dam Safety Program. <https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/dam-safety/dam-safety-resources>

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.