## **Minnesota Rule 1335 FLOODPROOFING REGLUATIONS**

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Existing Rule Amendment Language  1335.0200 ADOPTION OF "FLOOD PROOFING	Comments Repeal 1335.0200
REGULATIONS."	Repeal 1335.0200
	Add:
Sections 100 to 1406 of the 1972 edition of "Flood Proofing Regulations" (FPR) as promulgated by the Office of the Chief	1335.0100 TITLE; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.
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reference and hereby made a part of the State Building Code subject to the amendments in parts <u>1335.0200</u> to <u>1335.3000</u> .	Parts <u>1335.0010</u> to <u>1335.972</u> are known and may be cited as the "Minnesota Floodproofing Regulations."
FPR sections 201.2 to 208.2 are placed in the appendix of this code.	Chapters 1 to 9 of the 2014 edition of the American Society of Civil Engineers/Structural Engineering Institute Standard 24 FLOOD RESISTANT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ("ASCE/SEI 24-14 Standard"), promulgated by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA, are incorporated by reference as part of the Minnesota Floodproofing Regulations except as qualified by the applicable provisions in Minnesota Rules, chapter 1300, and as amended in this chapter. Portions of this chapter reproduce excerpts from the ASCE/SEI 24-14 Standard, American Society of Civil Engineers, Reston, VA, copyright 2015, reproduced with permission, all rights reserved.  The ASCE/SEI 24-14 Standard is not subject to frequent change and a copy of the ASCE/SEI 24-14 Standard with amendments
	for use in Minnesota is available in the office of the commissioner of labor and industry.
Section 200.1 Application. Describes what is included in the document to follow regarding floodproofing regulations and how they relate to the building code.	Section 1.1 Scope. Very similar to the previous charging language. Outlines what is to follow regarding flood resistant design criteria and application of the general provisions to all new construction and substantial improvements in flood hazard areas.
1335.0300 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 200.2.	Renumber and modify 1335.0300
FPR section 200.2 is amended to read as follows:	1335.0120 Definitions
Official Floodplain Zoning Map: The official plain zoning map	Flood Hazard Map shall be defined as follows:
showing the extent and boundaries of the primary and secondary flood hazard areas is hereby declared and established as part of these regulations. Hereinafter reference to term "primary flood hazard areas" in these regulations shall be synonymous with the term "floodplain areas" as used in parts 6120.5000 to 6120.6200.	Flood Hazard Map- The official floodplain zoning map showing the extent and boundaries of the primary and secondary flood hazard areas is hereby declared and established as part of these regulations. Hereinafter reference to term "Flood Hazard Area" in these regulations shall be synonymous with the term "floodplain areas" as used in parts 6120.5000 to 6120.6200.
1335.0400 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 200.3.	Renumber and modify 1335.0300
FPR section 200.3 is amended to read as follows:	1335.0120 Definitions
Regulatory Flood Datum: For the purpose of these regulations,	<b>Design Flood Elevation (DFE)</b> shall be defined as follows:
the regulatory flood datum, or as hereinafter referred to, the "RFD," is hereby declared and established for use as the	<b>Design Flood Elevation</b> - Elevation of the <i>design flood</i> ,
reference datum for determining the elevation above mean sea	including wave height (for coastal areas), plus up to 6

level to which floodproofing protection shall be provided. Hereinafter reference to the term "regulatory flood datum" in these regulations shall be synonymous with the term "flood protection elevation" as used in parts 6120.5000 to 6120.6200.	inches of stage increase relative to the <i>datum</i> specified on the community's <i>flood hazard map</i> . Hereinafter reference to the term " <i>Design Flood Elevation</i> " plus an additional 12 inches, in these regulations shall be synonymous with the term " <i>flood protection elevation</i> " as used in parts 6120.5000 to 6120.6200. Design Flood Elevation (DFE) in this rule equates to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) as found in Minnesota Rule 6120.  Need Definition for <i>Stage Increase</i> (SI): Copy over from 6120.  Flood Protection Elevation (FPE): The lowest elevation permissible for habitable space within an area subject to flooding. FPE = BFE + SI + 1 foot of elevation.
	Add the following Definition to ASCE-24 Section 1.2 Definitions:
	Floodplain Administrator: The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative. For the purposes of code administration, the Floodplain Administrator shall be interpreted as having the same meaning as "Building Official" in terms of Minnesota Rule 1300.
5 year lookback is reasonable for looking at improvements.	Modify the following Definitions to ASCE-24 Section 1.2 Definitions:
Use current market value and NOT the market value at time of non-conformity.	Substantial Improvement: "Substantial Improvement" means any repair, alteration, addition, or improvement of a building or structure, the cost of which, when considered in conjunction with alteration, addition or repair work that has occurred within the past five (5) calendar years equals or exceeds 50 percent of the current market value of the structure, before the improvement or repair is started. If the structure has sustained substantial damage, any repairs are considered substantial improvement regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not include either of the following:  1. Any project for improvement of a building required to correct existing health, sanitary, or safety code violations identified by the code official and that is the minimum necessary to ensure safe living conditions; or  2. Any alteration of a historic building, provided that the alteration will not preclude the building's continued designation as a historic building.
	(black from MR 1311, blue from existing MR 1335)

If furnace is damaged due to flood and need replacement, then new furnace would be required to meet current regulations?

GSM to review language for next time.

Substantial Damage: "Substantial Damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure at the time just before the damage occurred. If the existing building is not in conformance with the current Minnesota Rule 1335, the market value shall be established at the time of non-conformity less all non-conforming improvements to the building from that time to the present.

## **Exceptions:**

One-for-one equipment replacement, if the total work would NOT be defined as substantial damage unless including the cost to relocate the equipment to a compliant location. The installation shall provide safeguards to protect from electrical shock and shall be designed to either prevent contamination or shall be designed to facilitate cleaning and disinfection.

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(black from MR 1311, blue added for consistency with existing MR 1335) Discuss.

# 1335.0500 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 201.1.

FPR section 201.1 is amended to read as follows:

Application: These regulations shall apply to the construction, alteration, and repair of any building or parts of a building or structure in the flood hazard area(s) of the municipalities. Additions, alterations, repairs, and changes of use occupancy shall comply with all provisions for new buildings and structures as otherwise required in the building code, except as specifically provided in these regulations.

# 1335.0600 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 201.2. Non-conforming Use

FPR section 201.2 is amended to read as follows:

This section shall apply unless equivalent provisions are incorporated in the city or county flood plain zoning ordinance.

Nonconforming Use: A structure or the use of a structure or premises which was lawful before the passage or amendment of the ordinance but which is not in conformity with the provisions of these regulations may be continued subject to the following conditions:

Repeal 201.1 and 201.2

Replaced with model code Section 1.1 Scope.

Modify Section 1.1 Scope as follows:

#### 1.1 Scope

This standard provides minimum requirements for flood resistant design and construction of structures that are subject to building code requirements and that are located in whole or in part, in Flood Hazard Areas. This standard applies to the following: (1) new construction, including subsequent work to such structures, and (2) work classified as substantial improvement of an existing structure that is not an historic structure (see Fig. 1-1)

The general provisions of this section shall apply to all new construction and substantial improvements in flood hazard areas. In addition to the requirements of this section (see Fig 1-2):

- Chapter 2 shall apply to all new construction and substantial improvements in Flood Hazard Areas and High Risk Flood Hazard Areas except those that are identified as Coastal High Hazard Areas and Coastal A Zones;
- Chapter 3 shall apply to all new construction and substantial improvements in High Risk Flood Hazard Areas;

- 1. No such use shall be expanded, changed, enlarged, or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity.
- 2. No structural alteration, addition, or repair to any conforming structure over the life of the structure shall exceed 50 percent of its market value at the time of its becoming a nonconforming use, unless the structure is permanently changed to a conforming use.
- 3. If such use is discontinued for 12 consecutive months, any future use of the building premises shall conform to these regulations. The assessor shall notify the zoning administrator in writing of instances of nonconforming uses which have been discontinued for a period of 12 months.
- 4. If any nonconforming use or structure is destroyed by any means, including floods, to an extent of 50 percent or more of its market value, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformance with the provisions of these regulations; provided, the Board of Appeals may permit reconstruction if the use or structure is located outside the floodway and is adequately and safely floodproofed, elevated, or otherwise protected in conformance with these regulations.
- 5. Uses or adjuncts thereof which are or become nuisances shall not be entitled to continue as nonconforming uses.
- 6. An alteration, addition, or repair to a nonconforming structure that exceeds 50 percent of its market value must be protected as required by these regulations.

- Chapter 4 shall apply to all new construction and substantial improvements in Coastal High Hazard Areas and in Coastal A Zones; and
- 4. apply to all new construction and substantial improvements.

The following shall apply unless equivalent provisions are incorporated in the city or county flood plain zoning ordinance.

Nonconforming Use: A structure or the use of a structure or premises which was lawful before the passage or amendment of the ordinance, but which is not in conformity with the provisions of these regulations may be continued subject to the following conditions:

- 1. No such use shall be expanded, changed, enlarged, or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity. (more restrictive than IEBC model code)
- 2. No structural alteration, addition, or repair to any building or structure to any conforming structure, when considered in conjunction with alteration, addition or repair work that has occurred within the past five (5) calendar years over the life of the structure shall exceed 50 percent its current market value at the time of it becoming a nonconforming use, unless the structure is permanently changed to a conforming use.
  - 2.1. (From IEBC Chapter 11) For horizontal additions that are structurally interconnected to the existing building:
    - 2.1.1 If the addition and all other proposed work, when combined, do not constitute a substantial improvement, the new work shall comply with the requirements for new construction in Minnesota Rule 1335 but the existing construction unaffected by the addition or alterations may remain.
    - 2.1.2 If the addition and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute a substantial improvement, the existing building and the addition shall comply with the requirements for new construction in Minnesota Rule 1335.
  - 2.2 For horizontal additions that are NOT structurally interconnected to the existing building:
    - 2.2.1 The addition shall comply with the requirements for new construction in Minnesota Rule 1335.
    - 2.2.2 If the addition and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute a substantial improvement, the existing building and the addition shall comply with the requirements for new construction in Minnesota Rule 1335.
  - 2.3 For vertical additions and all other proposed work that, when combined, constitute substantial improvement, the existing building shall comply with the requirements for new construction in Minnesota Rule 1335.
  - 2.4 For a raised or extended foundation, if the foundation work and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute a substantial improvement, the existing

	building shall comply with the requirements for new
	construction in Minnesota Rule 1335.
	2.5 For a new foundation or replacement foundation, the foundation shall comply with the requirements for new
	construction in Minnesota Rule 1335.
	3. If such use is discontinued for 12 consecutive months, any future use of the building premises shall conform to these regulations. The assessor shall notify the zoning Floodplain Administrator or Building Official in writing of instances of nonconforming uses which have been discontinued for a period of 12 months.
	4. If any nonconforming use or structure is substantially damaged, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformance with the provisions of these regulations; provided, the Board of Appeals may permit reconstruction if the use or structure is located outside the floodway and is adequately and safely floodproofed, elevated, or otherwise protected in conformance with these regulations.
	5. Uses or adjuncts thereof which are or become nuisances shall not be entitled to continue as nonconforming uses.
	6. Substantial Improvement, or Substantial Repair to a nonconforming structure must be protected as required by these regulations.
	7. Buildings and structures relocated into flood hazard areas shall comply with the flood design requirements for new construction and all aspects of the existing structure shall be brought into compliance with the requirements for new construction for flood design.
Current MR 1335 Chapter 2 is Administration	Construction Code Administration is handled in MR 1300.  Need to define <b>Floodplain Administrator</b> as equal to <b>Building Official</b> for the purposes of administering MR  1335.
1335.0700 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 203.3.	Repeal. Now part of MR 1300.0110, Subpart 8.
FPR section 203.3 is amended to read as follows:	
Records: Copies of such tests, reports, certifications, or the results of such tests shall be kept on file in the office of the building official for a period of not less than two years after the approval and acceptance of the completed structure for beneficial occupancy.	
1335.0800 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 204.6.	Repeal. Now part of MR 1300.0230.
FPR section 204.6 is amended to read as follows:	
Board of Appeals: See part <u>1305.0500</u> , Uniform Building Code section 204.	

# 1335.0900 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 204.7.

FPR section 204.7 is amended to read as follows:

Validity: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation or agency (state or local) to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure in the flood hazard area(s), or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of these regulations and/or the building code.

Renumber and add new section to model code. Similar to MR 1300.0120 Permits, Subpart 1 Required. Might be better handled as a specific amendment by adding ASCE 24, Section 1.1.1.

## 1.1.1 Validity.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation or agency (state or local) to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure in the flood hazard area(s), or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of these regulations and/or the Minnesota State Building Code.

## 1335.1000 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 205.1.

FPR section 205.1 is amended to read as follows:

Statement of Intention to Improve: The owner or any registered architect or licensed professional engineer authorized to represent the owner shall, before preparing final plans for any improvement in the flood hazard area(s), file with the building official a statement of intention to improve, including a brief description of the type of improvement being considered and giving its precise location, on a form provided by the building official. The building official shall note on two copies the elevation of the RFD at the location of the proposed improvement. One copy of the statement of intention to improve must be retained by the building official until a permit copy for improvement on the site is approved or one year has elapsed; a second copy must be returned to the owner for use in final siting and design of the improvement. Assignments of the RFD elevations at all locations must be consistent with the determination of the regulatory flood protection elevation as defined in the community's flood plain zoning controls, if any. This information must be open to public examination at all reasonable times.

# 1335.1100 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 205.2.

FPR section 205.2 is amended to read as follows:

Permits Required: No person, firm, or corporation shall erect, construct, alter, repair, move, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure or any part thereof, or make any other improvement within the structure or any part thereof, or make any other improvement within the flood hazard area(s), or cause same to be done, without first obtaining a separate flood plain building permit for any such improvement from the building official. Ordinary minor repairs may be made with the approval of the building official without a permit, provided that such repairs shall not violate any provisions of these regulations or of the building code.

Renumber and add new section to model code.

#### 1.1.2 Statement of Intention to Improve.

The owner or any registered architect or licensed professional engineer authorized to represent the owner shall, before preparing final plans for any improvement in the flood hazard area(s), file with the *flood official* or building official a statement of intention to improve, including a brief description of the type of improvement being considered and giving its precise location, on a form provided by the building official. The building official shall note on two copies the <u>Design Flood Elevation</u> at the location of the proposed improvement. One copy of the statement of intention to improve must be retained by the building official until a permit copy for improvement on the site is approved or one year has elapsed; a second copy must be returned to the owner for use in final siting and design of the improvement. Assignments of *Design Flood Elevations* at all locations must be consistent with the determination of the regulatory flood protection elevation as defined in the community's flood plain zoning controls, if any. This information must be open to public examination at all reasonable times.

(Design Flood Elevation = RFD= 1% design flood elevation + 1 foot + wave height + up to a 6" stage increase.)

Renumber and add new section to model code.

## 1.1.2 Permits Required.

No person, firm, or corporation shall erect, construct, alter, repair, move, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure or any part thereof, or make any other improvement within the structure or any part thereof, or make any other improvement within the flood hazard area(s), or cause same to be done, without first obtaining a separate floodplain construction permit for any such improvement from the flood official or building official. Ordinary minor repairs may be made with the approval of the flood official or building official without a permit, provided that such repairs shall not violate any provisions of these regulations or of the building code. [Discuss]

## 1.1.3 Permit Applications.

To obtain a permit, the applicant shall first file an application which shall include:

- (1) A description of work to be covered by the floodplain construction permit including a list of all spaces affected by these regulations giving flood-proofing class, Design Flood Elevation. floor elevations, proposed uses and contents, and references to drawings and specifications which explain the flood-proofing measures that apply to each space. The description shall include an estimate of the total value of the improvement. The description shall be made on a form provided by the building official.
- (2) Construction drawings and specifications, in addition to the drawings and specifications required by the building code, except that drawings and specifications for any and all proposed improvements in the Primary Flood Hazard Area(s) shall be prepared by an engineer or architect licensed by the State of Minnesota. All drawings and specifications shall bear the true name of the author thereof, followed by such title as the author may be lawfully authorized to use. All plans and sections shall be noted with the proposed flood design class [Table 1-1] of the building and shall include detailed drawings of walls and wall openings.

# 1335.1200 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 205.3.

Subpart 1.

#### No. 2.

FPR section 205.3, No. 2 is amended to read as follows:

Two sets of complete plans and specifications, in addition to plans and specifications required by the building code, except that plans and specifications for any and all proposed improvement in the primary flood hazard area(s) shall be prepared by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice as such. All drawings and specifications shall bear the true name of the author thereof, followed by such title as the author may be lawfully authorized to use. All plans and sections shall be noted with the proposed floodproofing class of each space below the RFD including detail drawings of walls and wall openings.

Exception: Plans for Group M Division 1 Occupancies need not be prepared by a licensed architect or engineer.

Subp. 2.

Renumber and add new section to model code.

#### 1.1.4 Construction Documents.

Two hard-copy sets of complete plans and specifications, in addition to plans and specifications required by the building code shall be submitted to the flood administrator or building official. Construction documentation may also be submitted in electronic format if authorized by the local jurisdiction. Plans and specifications for any and all proposed improvement in the primary flood hazard area(s) shall be prepared by an engineer or architect licensed by the state of Minnesota. All drawings and specifications shall bear the true name of the author thereof, followed by such title as the author may be lawfully authorized to use. All plans and sections shall be noted with the proposed floodproofing class of each space below the *Design Flood Elevation* including detail drawings of walls and wall openings.

Exception: <u>Documents not required to be certified by licensed design professionals in accordance with Minnesota Rule 1800.5200 shall not be required to be certified by a licensed architect. This exception does not waive the requirement for certification by a structural engineer licensed in Minnesota.</u>

#### 1.1.5 Contingency Plan. (Discuss)

Two copies of the owner's contingency plan, which shall describe in detail all procedures for temporary placement and removal or contingent protection proposed items in spaces affected by these regulations including:

#### No. 3.

FPR section 205.3. No. 3 is amended to read as follows:

Two copies of the owner's contingency plan, which shall describe in detail all procedures for temporary placement and removal or contingent protection proposed items in spaces affected by these regulations including:

A. plans and schedules for items to be removed and locations of places above the RFD to which they will be removed if these contents violate restrictions associated with the floodproofing class of the space in which they are placed temporarily, including specific organizational responsibilities; and

B. procedures, materials, and equipment for protecting items required to have protection by their floodproofing class, but for which this protection is proposed to be provided contingently, including specific organizational responsibilities for accomplishing this protection.

Waivers of restrictions implicitly requested by submission of the owner's contingency plan may be granted by the building official as provided by 1101.2. A. plans and schedules for items to be removed and locations of places above the <u>Design Flood Elevation</u> to which they will be removed if these contents violate restrictions associated with the floodproofing class of the space in which they are placed temporarily, including specific organizational responsibilities; and

B. procedures, materials, and equipment for protecting items required to have protection by their floodproofing class, but for which this protection is proposed to be provided contingently, including specific organizational responsibilities for accomplishing this protection.

Waivers of restrictions implicitly requested by submission of the owner's contingency plan may be granted by the *flood official* or building official as provided by Minnesota Rule 1300.0110, Subpart 12 Modifications.

## From 207.3 Existing Buildings and structures.

Renumber and add new section to model code.

### 1.1.6 Existing Buildings and Structures

The <u>flood official or</u> building official shall issue a certificate of use and occupancy for an existing building or structure located in the Flood Hazard Area(s) upon receipt of written request from the Owner provided:

- 1. There are no violations of law or orders of the flood official or building official pending.
- If the building was constructed after January 1, 2008, the building was constructed in compliance with the Minnesota State Building Code at the time of construction per Minnesota Statute 326B.121.
- 3. It is established after inspection and investigation that the alleged use or occupancy of the building or structure has heretofore existed.
- 4. There is a positive showing that the continued use or occupancy of a lawfully existing building or structure in the Flood Hazard Area(s), and without requiring alterations, rehabilitation, or reconstruction, does not endanger public safety and welfare.

The <u>flood official or</u> building official shall refuse to issue a certificate of use or occupancy for any existing building or structure in the Flood Hazard Area(s) whenever it is found that the building or structure, or any portion thereof or appurtenant thereto, 1) is in an unsafe condition; and/or 2) would be potentially unsafe when subjected to floods up to the DFE RFD; and/or 3) was constructed after

	January 1 2008 and not in compliance with the Minnesota Building Code at the time of Construction. He-The flood official or building official shall, in writing, so notify the Owner, lessee, tenant, occupant and/or agent thereof describing said condition and ordering the abatement thereof within a reasonable length of time. Failure to comply with the order of the flood official or building official shall be a violation of these Regulations and the applicable part(s) of "The Building Code" the Minnesota State Building Code.
FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 208 Public Notice of Flood Hazard	Do we need to include a new amendment section to continue requiring the flood official to annually publish a public notice indicating the elevation of the flood of record with depths and approximate areas of inundation?  Discuss and verify.
1335.1300 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 209.1.	Renumber and add new section to model code.
FPR section 209.1 is amended to read as follows:  New Building and Structures: Every building or structure hereafter erected, that is located in the primary flood hazard area(s) where the ground surface is two feet or more below the RFD, or where flood water velocities may exceed five feet per second, shall be provided with an enclosed refuge space above the RFD, of sufficient area to provide for the occupancy load with a minimum of 12 square feet per person. It shall be provided with one or more exits through the exterior walls above the RFD to an exterior platform and stairway not less than three feet wide.	1.1.7 Provision of Safe Refuge: New Buildings and Structures  Every building or structure hereafter erected, that is located in the primary flood hazard area(s) where the ground surface is two feet or more at or below the Design Flood Elevation, or where flood water velocities may exceed five feet per second, shall be provided with an enclosed refuge space above the Base Flood Elevation, of sufficient area to provide for the building occupant load with a minimum of 12 square feet per person. It shall be provided with one or more exits through the exterior walls above the Design Flood Elevation to an exterior platform and stairway not less than three feet wide.  Discuss and verify if we still need this. Maybe just for where dry floodproofing of the lowest floor is constructed in compliance with FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01 or is in a jurisdiction with a FEMA basement exception.  (Design Flood Elevation = RFD= 1% design flood elevation + 1 foot + wave height + up to a 6" stage increase.)
1335.1400 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 209.3.	Renumber and add new section to model code.  1.1.8 Space Below the Base Flood Elevation
FPR section 209.3 is amended to read as follows:  Use of Space Below the Regulatory Flood Datum: No floor level or portion of the building or structure that is below the RFD regardless of structure or space classification shall be used as habitable space, or for storage of any property, materials, or equipment that might constitute a safety hazard when contacted by flood waters.	No floor level or portion of the building or structure that is below the <u>Design Flood Elevation</u> regardless of structure or space classification shall be used as <i>habitable space</i> , or for storage of any property, materials, or equipment that might constitute a safety hazard when contacted by flood waters.

Section 210 Classification and posting of buildings and structures	Building classification is now handled in ASCE Table 1-1.  ASCE 24 has eliminated the "Essentially Dry" and "Flooded with Potable Water" design allowances. Whole buildings are now classified and spaces are not. Reliance on pumps to keep a space dry is no longer an option.  Do we want to continue "Posting"?
1335.1500 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 210.7.	Renumber and add new section to model code.
FPR section 210.7 is amended to read as follows:  Placard Types: Placards shall be white rigid plastic or other non-water-susceptible materials eight inches long and 12 inches wide, and shall have printed thereon in black letters the information shown in figure 2.	1.1.9 Placards (Discuss if we still want/need these) Placards shall be furnished by the owner, signed by the licensed design professional and submitted to the building official for final signature and posting. Placards shall be white rigid plastic or other non-water-susceptible materials eight inches long and 12 inches wide, and shall have printed thereon in black letters the information shown in figure 2. Placards shall be replaced immediately if removed or defaced.
1335.1600 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 300.0.	Revise charging language of model code Section 1.2 as follows:
FPR section 300.0 is amended by adding a subsection to read as follows:  FPR Section 300.2. Interpretation: For the purpose of these regulations, where definition of terms as set forth in this chapter conflict in meaning with those as set forth in part 6120.5000, the latter shall take precedence.	1.2 Definitions  The following definitions apply to the provisions of the entire standard (italicized words in a definition mean the words are defined in this section). Where definition of terms as set forth in this chapter conflict in meaning with those as set forth in part 6120.5000, the latter shall take precedence.  ** Discuss: MR 6120 was last updated in 2008. Do we want to hang our definitions on 15 year old language? We could create bridge language the other direction so that terms currently in MR 6120 won't be in conflict, but carry forth a meaning that is contemporary to the current rule? The new definitions seem more applicable. Duplicates: Channel, Flood, Floodplain/Flood hazard area, Floodplain, Floodproofing, Floodway.  Repeal. Model code now uses Residential as a broader term that is more applicable.
FPR section 301.2.9 is amended to read as follows:  Habitable space (room) is space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating, or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage rooms, laundry or utility space, and similar areas, are not considered habitable space.	Also see section 2.3 Elevation Requirements for related conditions but not requiring this definition.
1335.1800 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 301.4.1.	Revise to modify model code section 1.5.1 General as follows:
FPR section 301.4.1 is amended to read as follows:  Building Code: The State Building Code setting forth standards for the construction, addition, and modification and repair of	<b>1.5.1 General.</b> New Construction and substantial improvements, shall be designed, constructed, connected, and anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or permanent lateral movement resulting from the action of hydrostatic,

buildings and other structures for the purpose of protecting hydrodynamic, wind and other loads during design flood health, safety, and general welfare of the public. or lesser, conditions in accordance with the requirements of this standard if specified or if not specified in this standard then in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code requirements approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Design shall include the loads and load combinations described in Section 1.6. Design and construction in flood hazard areas shall account for each of the following in accordance with this standard: 1. Elevation of the structure, 2. Foundation types and site-specific geotechnical factors, 3. Resistance of structures to damage up to and during the design flood, 4. Obstructions or enclosures below elevated structures, 5. Structural members and connections required to resist design loads, 6. Use of flood damage-resistant materials, 7. Floodproofing, 8. Utilities, 9. Means of Egress, and 10. Adverse impacts to other structures and property. FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 400 Scope is established in ASCE 24, Section 1.1 and is Scope proposed to be modified as listed above. FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 401 ASCE 24, Chapter 6 describes dry floodproofing and wet **Descriptions of Flood-Proofing Classes** floodproofing. Creates classifications based upon level of flood-proofing: Section 6.2.1 limits dry floodproofing to nonresidential structures and nonresidential areas of mixed-use Completely Dry structures when located outside of high-risk flood hazard Essentially Dry areas, coastal high hazard areas and coastal A zones. Dry Spaces intentionally flooded with potable water floodproofing of residential structures and residential Spaces flooded with flood water areas of mixed-use structures is not permitted. Non-flood-proofed spaces Water velocity must be less than 5 feet per second during the design flood. Do we want to include an exception for dry floodproofing of the lowest floor in residential buildings in accordance

Do we want to include an exception for dry floodproofing of the lowest floor in residential buildings in accordance with ASCE 24 when a building is constructed in compliance with FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01 or is in a jurisdiction with a FEMA basement exception.

<u>Do we need to include other occupancies with dwelling</u> units or sleeping units such as I-1, I-2, or I-3 Groups?

More on this in Chapter 6.

# 1335.1900 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 402.1.

FPR section 402.1 (table 2) is amended to read as follows:

General: Table 2 indicates the various degrees of protection required to permit use of spaces for each floodproofing; the chart in itself shall not be construed as being exhaustive with respect to all requirements imposed by these regulations. In any disputes arising over the interpretation of this chart, the written provisions of these regulations shall be considered as definitive.

## FLOOD-PROOFING CLASSIFICATION OF SPACES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Flood- Proofing Classes	Water- Proof- ing	Struc- tural Loads	Closure of Open- ings	Internal Flood- ing & Drain- ing	Floor- ing	Walls and Ceil- ings	Con- tacts	Elec- trical	Mechan- ical
W1 Com- pletely Dry	Type A	Class	Type		Class	Class	Class		
W2 Essentially Dry	Type B	Class 1	Type 2	_	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2	2	e
W3 Flooded with Pota- ble Water	Type A	Class 2	Type 3	Chapter 8	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Chapter 1	See Chapter 13
W4 Flooded with Flood Water	Type C	Class 3	Type	See	Class 4	Class	Class 4	See	See
W5 Non- Flood- Proofing	-	-	Type 5		Class 5	Class 5	Class 5		

Repeal 1335.1900. Model code is completely reformatted to address requirements in a different way. New model code does not allow use of space below the design flood elevation for anything except storage of vehicles and non-hazardous material storage.

# FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, Chapter 5 Waterproofing

**Type A Waterproofing-** not greater than 3 pounds of water per 1000 square feet in a 24 hour period. Lots of detailed information provided in Section 501.

**Type B Waterproofing (substantially impermeable)-** not greater than 4 inches of accumulation in spaces during a 24 hour period.

ASCE 24, Section 6.2.2 requires that dry floodproofed spaces are designed to be substantially impermeable to the passage of water and have an emergency escape and rescue opening from the dry floodproofed area to above the DFE that does NOT pass through the dry floodproofing and is capable of ingress and egress during a design flood. Substantially impermeable is defined in the same terms as Type B Waterproofing from the current rule.

## FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, Chapter 6 Structural Requirements

ASCE 24, Section 1.6 LOADS IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS
Section refers to ASCE 7 Minimum Design Loads for
Buildings and other structures. Clarifies that flood loads
shall be combined with other loads.

Structural specifics are found in separate sections dependent upon hazard:

 Sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7 for structural design basic requirements in areas not identified as coastal high hazard or coastal A zones.

Section s 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 for areas identified as coastal high hazard or coastal A zones. Section 9.2 for decks and porches Section 9.3 for slabs on grade (patios) Section 9.4 for garages, carports and sheds Section 9.5 for chimneys and fireplaces Section 9.6 for pools, and Section 9.7 for tanks. I believe that the model adequately covers the conditions. Repeal 1335.1950 1335.1950 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, Development in floodways is addressed in Section 2.2 **SECTION 612.1.** Building Construction Elevation requirements are FPR section 612.1 is amended to read as follows: addressed in ASCE 24, section 2.3. Methods: A building must be considered completely Use of fill is addressed in model code Section 2.4 floodproofed if the lowest elevation of all space within the building perimeter is above the RFD as achieved by: Buildings on stilts is not specifically addressed but would be the result of having no installed enclosures below the (1) building on natural terrain beyond the RFD limit line on natural undisturbed ground; design flood elevation per Section 2.7, and having a floor elevation above the design flood elevation per Section 2.3. (2) building on fill; or The new language is more performance based and would include building on stilts as one of many options or (3) building on stilts. combinations that would result in a compliant support structure. These methods may be used alone or in combination to achieve the required degree of floodproofing. Data and design ASCE 24 does not consider protection by dikes, levees and procedures must be based on organized and acceptable flood walls to be a substitute for floodproofing. See 1.4.2 disciplines involved and the following additional requirements. and C1.4.2 Model language included protection by dikes, levees and flood walls. These were EXCLUDED from MN Rule 1335. ASCE 24, Section 2.3 Elevation Requirements (in flood hazard areas that are NOT coastal high hazard areas and coastal A zones) 2.3 Elevation Requirements Structures shall have the lowest floor (including basements) elevated in conformance with the minimum elevation requirements in Table 2-1. Enclosed areas used solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage and that comply with Section 2.7 are allowed below elevated buildings. Elevation requirements for other building components are found in Chapters 5, 6, and 7. Exceptions: 1. Nonresidential structures with the lowest floor (including basement) below the minimum elevation specified in Table 2-1 and nonresidential

portions of mixed-use structures with the lowest floor (including basement) below the minimum

# elevation specified by Table 2-1 shall be allowed in conformance with the dry floodproofing requirements of Section 6.2.

2. Dry floodproofing of the lowest floor in accordance with ASCE 24 is permissible when a building is constructed in compliance with FEMA Technical Bulletin 10-01 or is in a jurisdiction with a FEMA basement exception.

## 1335.2000 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 612.2.1.

FPR section 612.2.1 is amended to read as follows:

Natural Terrain: In addition to the requirements of the building code, the building shall be located not less than 15 feet back from the line of incidence of the RFD on the ground, foundation design shall take into consideration the effects of soil saturation on the performance of the foundations, the effects of flood waters on slope stability shall be investigated, normal access to the building shall be by direct connections with areas above the RFD and all utility service lines shall be designated and constructed as required to protect the building and/or its components from damage or failure during a flooding event to the RFD.

## Recommend repealing.

Model code requirements are more performance based and stated in general terms. See section 1.5.3.1 for Geotechnical Considerations for similar language related to stability of foundation soils during various types of flood conditions.

\*\* Discuss if we need to amend Section 1.5 to include similar language to the existing amendment to provide a somewhat more prescriptive solution.

# 1335.2100 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 612.2.2.

FPR section 612.2.2 is amended to read as follows:

Building on Fill: The building and all parts thereof may be constructed above the RFD on an earth fill. Prior to placement of any fill or embankment materials, the area upon which fill is to be placed, including a five-foot strip measured horizontally beyond and contiguous to the toe line of the fill, shall be cleared of standing trees and snags, stumps, brush, down timber, logs and other growth, and all objects including structures on or above the ground surface or partially burned. The area shall be stripped of topsoil and all other material which is considered unsuitable by the building official as foundation material. All combustible and noncombustible materials and debris from the clearing, grubbing, and stripping operations shall be removed from the proposed fill area and disposed of at locations above the RFD and/or in the manner approved by the building official. Fill material shall be of a selected type, preferably granular and free-draining placed in compacted layers. Fill selection and placement shall recognize the effects of saturation from flood waters on slope stability, uniform and differential settlement, and scour potential.

The minimum elevation of the top slope for the fill section shall be no more than one foot below the RFD. Minimum distance from any point of the building perimeter to the top of the fill slope shall be either 15 feet or twice the depth of fill at that point, whichever is the greater distance. This requirement does not apply to roadways, driveways, playgrounds, and other related features which are not integral and functional parts of

Recommend repealing 1335.2100

Model code is more performance based and addresses use of fill in Section 1.5.4 Use of Fill and related Section 2.4 Use of Fill. Fewer specifics in the new model code, but gets to the same issues regarding ground stability under flood conditions. New code will require a certified designer and a design.

Further guidance is provided in Commentary Section **C2.4** Use of Fill.

\*\* Discuss if we want to continue to include language regarding slope protection with vegetation, maximum slopes, etc. See Commentary Section C2.4.

the building proper. Fill slopes for granular materials shall be not steeper than one vertical on 1-1/2 horizontal, unless substantiating data justifying steeper slopes are submitted to the building official and approved. For slopes exposed to flood velocities of less than five feet per second, grass or vine cover, weeds, bushes, and similar vegetation undergrowth will be considered to provide adequate scour protection.

# 1335.2150 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 612.3.

FPR section 612.3 is amended to read as follows:

Protection by Dikes, Levees, and Floodwalls: Dikes, levees, and floodwalls must not be considered to provide FP1 or FP2 floodproofing or flood protection unless

- (1) the dike, levee, or floodwall is built in accordance with recognized and accepted engineering practice and methods, and
- (2) the design data has been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for revision of the community's flood insurance study (flood insurance rate map) and official zoning map.

Consider repealing.

Refer to Section 1.4.2 Consideration for Flood Protective Works and related commentary section C1.4.2 Consideration for Flood Protective Works

"Buildings protected by dikes and levees do not provide complete or absolute protection to an area, they only reduce the frequency or intensity of the flooding." It seems to be an error to consider buildings in Flood Design Class 2, 3, or 4 (Table 1-1) to be protected from flood if sheltered by these types of structures.

\*\*Discuss. This is potentially a radical change for most buildings since most buildings fall into Flood Design Class 2 and would have been deemed protected under the current rule. See current amendment 1335.3100 below.

# 1335.2200 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 802.1.

FPR section 802.1 is amended to read as follows:

Applicability: Spaces to be intentionally flooded with flood water (W4) shall be provided with the necessary equipment, devices, piping, controls, etc. necessary for automatic flooding during the flood event and drainage system(s) shall utilize approved piping materials and have sufficient capacity for raising or lowering the internal water level at a rate comparable to the anticipated rate of rise and fall of a flood that would reach the RFD. These pipe systems shall be directly connected to the external flood waters to maintain a balanced internal and external water pressure condition. Provisions shall be made for filling the lower portions of the structure first and for interconnections through or around all floors and partitions to prevent unbalanced filling of chambers or parts within the structures. All spaces below the RFD shall be provided with air vents extending to at least three feet above the elevation of the RFD to prevent the trapping of air by the rising water surface. All openings to the filling and drainage systems shall be protected by screens or grilles to prevent the entry or nesting of rodents or birds in the systems.

Recommend repeal of the current amendment.

Related model code sections:

- 6.3 Wet Floodproofing,
- 2.7 Enclosures Below the Design Flood Elevation,
- **4.6 Enclosed Areas Below the Design Flood Elevation,** and **Chapter 7 Attendant Utilities and Equipment** which has to do with installation of utilities within and below the Design Flood Elevation.
- \*\*Discuss if we want to include a section specific to intentional flooding of building areas with potable water in order to counterbalance external flood loading and mitigate contamination of the building interior. Model code does not specifically address this. Seems like a less-than-optimal solution.

# 1335.2300 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1101.3.2.

#### Repeal.

The new model code does not address building contents. Contents and classes of contents are typically not regulated by the Minnesota Department of Labor and

FPR section 1101.3.2 is amended by changing the "contents	Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing Division unless
class" of food products from X to 1.	they are hazardous.
1335.2400 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS,	Discuss
SECTION 1301.2.1.	Reference Model Code Section 7.4 Mechanical, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems
FPR section 1301.2.1 is amended to read as follows:  Heating systems utilizing gas- or oil-fired furnaces shall have a float-operated automatic control valve installed in the fuel supply line which shall be set to operate when flood waters reach an elevation equal to the floor level of the space where furnace equipment is installed. A manually operated gate valve that can be operated from a location above the RFD shall be provided in the fuel supply line to serve as a supplementary safety provision for fuel cutoff. The heating equipment and fuel storage tanks shall be mounted on and securely anchored to a foundation pad or pads of sufficient mass to overcome buoyancy and prevent movement that could damage the fuel supply line. As an alternate means of protection, elevation of heating equipment and fuel storage tanks above the RFD on platforms or by suspension from overhead structural systems will be permitted. All unfired pressure vessels will be accorded similar treatment. Fuel lines shall be attached to furnaces by means of flexible or swing type couplings. All heating	**Verify if we want to continue to include the manually operated gate valve in the fuel line above the Design Flood Elevation as a supplementary safety provision.  Tanks are referred to Section 9.7 Tanks where they are required to be anchored and designed to withstand applied forces.  No specific language regarding venting and ductwork openings a minimum of 3 feet above the Design Flood Elevation.  Note that ducts are no longer allowed to be installed below the DFE unless designed to be submerged and resist all flood forces without allowing floodwaters to intrude into the ductwork.
equipment and fuel storage tanks shall be vented to an elevation of at least three feet above the RFD. Air supply for combustion shall be furnished if required for systems installed in W1 or W2 spaces and piping or duct work for each purpose shall be terminated at least three feet above the RFD.  1335.2500 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1302.2.2.	Repeal existing amendment.
	Refer to Section <b>2.7 Enclosures Below the Design Flood</b>
FPR section 1302.2.2 is amended to read as follows:	<b>Elevation.</b> Enclosures below the DFE are only permitted
Where the state of dryness of a space is dependent on a sump pump system, or where the stability of a structure during a flood event depends on the relief of uplift pressures on building components, all interior storm water drainage or seepage,	for parking of vehicles building access, or storage. There is no enclosure allowed that could rely on sump pumps to relieve pressure and keep a space below the DFE dry.
appliance drainage, and underslab drain tile systems shall be directly connected to a sump (pump) and discharged at an elevation at least three feet above the RFD.	** Discuss because we may be generating a lot of existing non-conforming conditions. We may be okay with that, but should discuss that this will not be "business as usual."
1335.2600 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1302.2.3.1.	** Discuss.
FPR section 1302.2.3.1 is amended to read as follows:	Not found in the model code anywhere. Do we want to add this into Chapter 7 in to Section <b>7.3 Plumbing</b>
All vents shall extend to an elevation of at least three feet above the RFD.	<b>Systems,</b> and Section <b>7.4 Mechanical Systems</b> ? Current model code only requires vents and air intakes to be above the DFE. Three feet of freeboard will require an amendment.
1335.2700 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1302.3.	** Discuss retaining.
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FPR section 1302.3 is amended to read as follows:  Sewage Disposal/Treatment: Individual sewage disposal and/or treatment facilities will be permitted in a flood hazard area but only at locations where connection with a public sewer system is not permissible or feasible. Such facilities shall conform to applicable standards, criteria, and rules of the Minnesota Department of Health and Pollution Control Agency in terms of size, construction, use, and maintenance and with standards and criteria of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regarding setbacks from normal high water mark of a watercourse in accordance with the public water classification.	Applicable Section <b>7.3.4 Sanitary Systems</b> . Consider amending the model code to include the amended language.
1335.2800 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1302.3.1.  FPR section 1302.3.1 regarding cesspools/sewage disposals has been amended by deleting this section in its entirety.	Repeal and coordinate with Section <b>7.3.4 Sanitary Systems</b> above.
1335.2900 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1302.3.2.  FPR section 1302.3.2 regarding seepage pits has been amended by deleting this section in its entirety.	Repeal and coordinate with Section <b>7.3.4 Sanitary Systems</b> above.
1335.3000 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1302.4.1.  FPR section 1302.4.1 is amended to read as follows:  Water supply wells, tanks, filters, softeners, heaters, and all appliances located below the RFD shall be protected against contamination by covers, walls, copings, or castings. All vents shall be extended to a minimum elevation of three feet above the RFD.	Amend Section 7.3.3 Plumbing Systems Installed Below Minimum Elevations. Plumbing systems and components, including plumbing fixtures, shall be elevated above the elevation specified in Table 7-1. Where plumbing systems and components have openings below the elevation specified in Table 7-1, the openings shall be protected with automatic backwater valves or other automatic backflow devices. Devices shall be installed in each line that extends below the Design Flood Elevation to prevent the release of sewage into floodwaters and to prevent infiltration by floodwaters into the plumbing. Redundant devices requiring human intervention shall be permitted.  All vents shall be extended to a minimum elevation of three feet above the Design Flood Elevation.
1335.3100 FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS, SECTION 1405.3.	Repeal.
FPR section 1405.3 is amended to read as follows:  Protection by Dikes, Levees, and Floodwalls: Dikes, levees, and floodwalls must not be considered to provide floodproofing or flood protection unless  (1) the dike, levee, or floodwall is built in accordance with recognized and accepted engineering practice and methods, and  (2) the design data has been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management	See Section 1.4.2 Consideration for Flood Protective Works and related commentary section C1.4.2 Consideration for Flood Protective Works "Buildings protected by dikes and levees do not provide complete or absolute protection to an area, they only reduce the frequency or intensity of the flooding." It seems to be an error to consider buildings in Flood Design Class 2, 3, or 4 (Table 1-1) to be protected from flood if sheltered by these types of structures.

Agency for revision of the community's flood insurance study (flood insurance rate map) and official zoning map.	
Illustration Figure i: Diagrams showing normal channel, Primary Flood Hazard Area, Secondary Flood Hazard Area, Floodway, Floodway Fringe, etc.	Can accept new model code as equivalent. Figure C1.2 in the commentary shows the cross section illustrating the stream channel, Floodway, Floodway Fringe, Base Flood Elevation, and Special Flood Hazard Area (1% Annual Chance Floodplain) Also includes Figure C1-3 which shows examples of flood plain maps and various flood hazard zones.
Review of the Existing Model Code	Parallel Section in the Proposed Model and Comments
Section 100.1 Introduction to Floodproofing and Building Codes. This chapter provides a narrative overview of the purpose behind the floodproofing regulations.	There is no equivalent section. This section is not code, but actually could be quite helpful as a narrative to explain why we have these provisions. Discuss
Chapter 2	
200.1 Purpose/ application of the code. This section establishes the Floodproofing regulations as part of the Building Code.	1.1 Scope. MR 1335 is incorporated into the state building code through MR 1300.0050. So, although this model code section does not include incorporation language, it is not necessary. Recommend adopting as written.
200.2 Official Flood Plain Zoning Map: Just a declaration that there is a map. Not necessary.	No parallel language.
200.3 Regulatory Flood Datum (RFD): A declaration and establishment as a reference datum.	No specific parallel language. The model code defines a Design Flood Elevation (DFE) in Section 1.2 as a related item. Redefining the DFE. (Design Flood Elevation = RFD= 1% design flood elevation + 1 foot + wave height + up to a 6" stage increase.)
201.1 Scope- Application: Language includes preamble	Corresponds to Section 1.1 Scope.
for local municipality adoption. Also references the building code for coordinating construction related work.	Now required in all jurisdictions per MR 1300, so original language no longer required. Adopt as written.
201.2 Non-conforming use. Extensive section regarding existing conditions and continuation of use.	Included and discussed above as amendments to Section 1.1
202 Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction	Completely covered by MR 1300.0110, Subpart 13.
203 Tests	Completely covered by MR 1300
204 Organization and Enforcement	Completely covered by MR 1300
205 Permits	Completely covered by MR 1300
206 Inspections	Completely covered by MR 1300
207 Certificate of Occupancy	Completely covered by MR 1300
208 Public Notice of Flood Hazard. Requires the building	Not included in the model code. Discuss
official to post public notice of the flood hazard elevations and remind building owners to maintain their	This seems like more of a policy/recommendation rather than something that should be included in construction
floodproofing systems so that they remain operational	requirements. Maybe we can add something like it to MR 1300 under Duties of the Building Official. Recommend NOT including here.
209 Provision of Safe Refuge. Requires not less than 12 square feet per occupant of refuge space above the RFD elevation for buildings with floor elevations located 3	No provisions in the new code for areas of safe refuge when the surrounding grade is below the DFE.

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feet below the RFD. 209.3 regulates the use of space	Section 1.5.2 limits use below the DFE to parking vehicles,
located below the RFD to non-habitable spaces.	building access, and storage.
210 Classification and Posting of Buildings and	Table 1-1 classifies building types into flood design
Structures. This section requires classification of spaces	classifications based upon occupancy and use. Flood
into "completely dry, essentially dry, flooded with	Design Class establishes the minimum elevation of the
potable water, flooded with flood water, non-flood-	lowest floor in Table 2-1 and is factored into design loads
proofed" and that the buildings are posted with placards	in Section 1.6
conveying the information.	Design options are "Dry Floodproofing," and "Wet
	Floodproofing" discussed in Chapter 6. Both conditions
	still only allow parking, storage, and building access below
	the DFE. No Placards are required in the model code.
	Discuss amending to include placards to indicate the flood
	elevation, the floor elevations, and whether any floors
	located below the DFE are dry-floodproofed or wet
	floodproofed. Allowable uses for spaces below the DFE
	and prohibition of other uses below the DFE. Also indicate
	any human-intervention measures/procedures required in
	anticipation of flooding conditions.
Definitions:	Amend to include definitions for: Building Official,
	Freeboard,
	Freeboard = the difference between the lowest elevation
	of building use that is not for parking of private vehicles,
	or storage, minus the Design Flood Elevation.
Minnesota Rule 6120.5400 Requires that local	Amend definition of Flood Hazard Map to mean the
governments submit to the commissioner flood data,	floodplain maps submitted to the commissioner in
floodplain maps, and degree of flood damage potential	accordance with Minnesota Rule 6120.5400.
for areas over 2 square miles and larger.	
Chapter 4	
400 Floodproofing classification of space	Table 1-1
401 Descriptions of floodproofing classes.	Chapter 6
Chapter 5 Waterproofing	6.2 Dry Floodproofing. Discuss: Previous code Chapter 5
	had very detailed descriptions of construction and joinery
	between building components. Discuss the need to
	amend to include the level of detail. Otherwise, relying on
	architects and engineers to design without given
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Chapter 6 Structural Requirements	Section 2.6 refers to ACI 530/ASCE 5/TMS 402, Building
	code requirements and specifications for masonry
	structures, and ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for
601 Classes of Loads	Structural Concrete.  These sections correspond to now requirements in
601 Classes of Loads	These sections correspond to new requirements in Chapter 6 Dry Floodproofing and Wet Floodproofing.
Classifies loads into Class 1 "Waterproof" where the	Chapter o Dry Floodprooting and wet Floodprooting.
Classifies loads into Class 1 "Waterproof" - where the spaces below the DFE are intended to remain dry; Class	
2 "Internal Flooded"- where the interior spaces are	
intentionally flooded with potable water to alleviate	
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hydrostatic pressures; and Class 3 "Internal Flooded"-	
where interior spaces are intentionally flooded with	
where interior spaces are intentionally flooded with flood waters.	1.2 Definitions
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where interior spaces are intentionally flooded with flood waters.	

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Includes a series of definitions. The old code does not have nuanced meanings to common terms such as "Uplift", "Vertical Load", and "Lateral Load."	Discuss amending into Section 2.7 design criteria for hydrodynamic loads found in 602.3 and the associated hydrostatic loading on walls perpendicular and to the upstream side of the flow. Also reference 1.5.3.3 for Basic Design and Construction Requirements which seem vague. Is reference to ASCE 7 enough?  Verify if Section 2.5 Slabs on Grade and associated foundations should be amended to include hydrostatic vertical loading when located below the DFE.
603 Impact Loads	Section 2.7 Enclosures Below the Design Flood Elevation
<ul> <li>Defines Types of Impact Loads and design criteria for each:</li> <li>Normal Impact: 1000 lb. force traveling at flood water speed acting on 1 square foot of surface.</li> <li>Special Impact Load: Load intensity at 100 lb. per foot acting horizontally over a one-foot wide horizontal strip at the RFD or any level below it. Can ignore if there are permanent barriers in place.</li> <li>Extreme Impact Load: Deemed impractical to design except in special cases where the loads can be anticipated and potential for damage is severe.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2.7.1 Dry Floodproofed enclosures must meet criteria of Section 6.2. Other enclosures must meet the criteria of ACI 530 for masonry walls, ACI 318 for concrete walls. The other enclosures shall have openings to allow for automatic entry and exit of flood waters.</li> <li>Recommend amending into Section 2.7 design criteria for normal impact loads and special impact loads.</li> <li>Add: Walls located below the DFE shall be designed to sustain the following: <ul> <li>Normal Impact: 1000 lb. force traveling at flood water speed acting on 1 square foot of surface.</li> <li>Special Impact Load: Load intensity at 100 lb. per foot acting horizontally over a one-foot wide horizontal strip at the RFD or any level below it. Can ignore if there are permanent barriers in place.</li> <li>Extreme Impact Load: Deemed impractical to design except in special cases where the loads can be anticipated and potential for damage is severe.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
604 Soil Loads  General language regarding soil loads and reference to designing for expansive soils when necessary.	Amend Sections 2.5 Slabs on Grade and 2.6 Foundation Walls to include language requiring structural consideration of expansive soils in Wilkin, Traverse, and Big Stone counties.
	Add: Foundation walls and slabs for buildings located in Wilkin, Traverse, and Big Stone counties shall be designed for expansive soils unless a certified geotechnical investigation indicates that expansive soils are not present within the construction area.
605 Hurricane and Tidal Wave Loads  Code indicates this type of design is out of scope.	More specific to Chapter 4 Coastal High Hazard Areas and Coastal A Zones which may be designated along portions of Lake Superior shoreline.
606 Loading Conditions- Relates back to the building code for typical design loading conditions.	Since conformance to MR 1305 is required state-wide per Minnesota Statute 326B.121, additional cross reference to the building code is not necessary.
607 Combined Loads- Discusses use of full intensity for design dead loads, snow loads, and wind loads. Live	Section 1.6 Loads in Flood Hazard Areas refers to ASCE/ SEI 7. ASCE/SEI 7-16 Standard addresses load

loads must be considered for worst-case scenarios with	considerations during flood conditions in Sections 5.3 and		
respect to bearing pressure and uplift.	5.4. Consideration is very similar.		
608 Allowable Stresses- This is a minimal section not	ASCE/SEI 7-16 Standard provides design criteria without		
allowing overstressing.	overstressing.		
609 Allowable Soil Pressures- Requires consideration of	Soil conditions are addressed in more general terms in		
differing soil bearing capacity under saturation	Section 1.5.3.1 Geotechnical Considerations and include		
conditions and impact of expansive soils.	reduced bearing capacity, liquefaction, soil consolidation,		
	and scour.		
610 Stability- Section includes criteria to resist	Addressed by Section 1.5.3 Foundation Requirements with		
overturning, flotation, and anchorage.	references to various load combinations discussed in		
	Section 1.6.2 as well as specific criteria discussed in Table		
	2-1 Minimum Elevation of the Top of Lowest Floor for		
	Flood Hazard Areas other than Coastal High Hazard Areas		
	and High Risk Flood Hazard Areas or Table 4-1 Minimum		
	Elevation of Bottom of Lowest Supporting Horizontal Structural Member of Lowest Floor- High Hazard Areas as		
	applicable.		
611 Reduction of Uplift Pressures- Section includes	The type of floodproofing described in the previous code		
criteria for creating barriers to flood water for the	which would allow for an active type of dry floodproofing		
purpose of mechanically extracting water by using	below the DFE is no longer allowed by the model code.		
pumps to alleviate hydrostatic pressure on floor slabs	The system relies upon high velocity pumps to keep water		
and foundation walls.	pressure against floors and walls to sustainable levels. If		
	pumps fail or power fails, the condition quickly becomes		
	dangerous and loss can be catastrophic. Section 6.2		
	prohibits reliance on sump pumps as a means for dry		
	floodproofing but may be utilized to manage incidental		
	seepage. Discuss!		
612 Requirements for Other Flood-Proofing Methods			
Building on natural terrain beyond the RFD limit	New code is specific to construction with floors at		
line on natural undisturbed ground. Includes	or below the DFE. Consider amending to include		
consideration of setback requirements, the	structures where the bottom of the foundation is		
effects of soil saturation on foundation	below the DFEnot just the floor, setbacks from		
performance, and slope stability. Also includes	DFE based upon geology, slope stability, and soil		
requirements that building access and building	performance under inundation conditions. Also		
utilities must be located above the RFD.	consider amending to require building access and		
2. Building on fill: Requires clearing of the ground	utility access above the DFE to ensure building		
from trees, shrubs, and debris within 5 feet	operations under flood conditions.		
beyond the toe-line of the fill. Fill shall be	2. Use of Fill is discussed in Section 1.5.4 which		
suitable for the flood conditions anticipated	references Section 2.4 for ordinary flood hazard		
including inundation and scouring as applicable.	locations and Section 4.5.4 for high hazard		
Fill materials shall be free-draining. Minimum horizontal distance from any point on the	locations. Section 1.5.4 requires certified engineering to address soil stability during rapid		
perimeter of the building to the top of the fill	water rise and rapid draw down, prolonged		
slope shall be minimum 25 feet but not less than	•		
twice the depth of the fill. Fill slopes for	Section 2.4 calls for suitable fill materials and		
granular material shall be not greater than 1 unit			
vertical for every 1.5 units horizontal. Scour	section also indicates a maximum fill slope of		
protection for areas exposed to flood velocities	1:1.5, but does not indicate a minimum setback		
of 5 feet per second or more shall be protected	from the top of the fill slope. Consider amending.		
with stone or rock slope protection. For areas	Also consider amending to include types of scour		
exposed to flood velocities of less than 5 feet	protection. Section 4.5.4 is not applicable.		

per second, ground cover vegetation shall be 3. Section 1.5.3.4 Addresses building on Piers, Posts, deemed sufficient scour protection. Columns, or Piles referring to "all applicable standards" which include structural design, but no 3. Building on stilts- Clear spacing limited to not more than 8 feet parallel to the direction of requirements regarding orientation or designs flow. Solid walls or walled-in columns (walls that could trap floating debris. Consider with pilasters) are allowed when constructed amending. parallel to the general direction of flow. Bracing 4. Dikes, levees and flood walls are not considered as provided shall cause the least disruption to flood flood design protection for buildings. Discuss flow and least potential for trapping debris. since this is a major shift in approach. We may Design shall include consideration of scour want to consider amending to allow dikes, levees around vertical members. and flood walls to provide flood protection if the 4. Protection by dikes, levees and/or flood walls. protective structure designs include freeboard Buildings are considered floodproofed when above the 500 year flood design elevation. When protected by dikes, levees, or floodwalls. a structure is within the 500-year flood zone (0.2% chance of flooding in any given year), there is a 6% chance of being flooded over the life of a 30 year mortgage. FEMA does not require flood insurance for buildings in the 500 year flood plane. Chapter 7 Closure of Openings 701 Types of Closures Section 2.7 allows only limited uses below the design flood elevation. When permitted, dry floodproofing generally does not allow openings below the DFE but will allow 1. Type 1: complete and impermeable sealed barrier at full hydrostatic pressure of flood to some limited openings requiring human intervention per Section 6.2.3. 2. Type 2: Essentially dry (limited seepage) barrier at full hydrostatic pressure of flood to RFD Section 2.7 requires all other enclosed areas below the 3. Type 3: Barriers/seals impermeable to water DFE to have either prescriptive or designed openings to borne contamination under equalized pressure. allow flood waters to enter and exit the enclosed areas (for wet floodproofing) and alleviate hydrostatic pressure. 4. Type 4: barriers to the passage of flood carried debris and the loss of floating items from the interior, but not required to form impermeable seals. 5. Type 5: existing spaces that do not meet the above criteria. 702 Requirements- Lists requirements for openings Requirements not included because openings in dry below the RFD. floodproofed areas are not permissible except under extenuating circumstances and requiring human intervention criteria per Section 6.2.3. 703 Special Applications of Closure Assemblies No parallel allowances or criteria. Allows doors, windows and other types of opening below the RFD for buildings where normal operation has the spaces unoccupied for 72 hours or more. Chapter 8 Internal Flooding and Drainage 801 Intentional Flooding with Potable Water. Wet Floodproofing in Section 6.3 does not include or exclude the use of potable water. However the uses Section allows intentional flooding with potable water to allowed in these spaces (parking and agricultural) do not seem to lend themselves to the expense of flooding with alleviate hydrostatic pressures without flood water

potable water. Discuss to clarify.

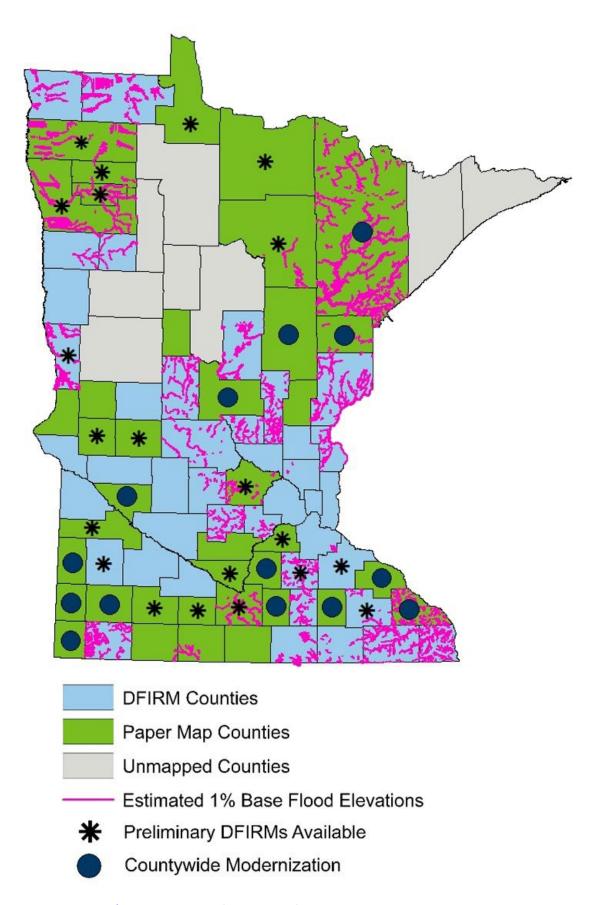
contamination of the interior.

Calls for piping connecting the exterior to the interior such that interior water levels approximate the flood levels on the exterior. Requires filling the lower portions of the building first and having connections between spaces to eliminate differential filling within the building. Designs shall also include vents to prevent the trapping of air below the water surface.  803 Emergency Flooding of Waterproofed Spaces	Wall openings are required by Section 2.7 to alleviate hydrostatic pressures. Most buildings with floors below the DFE are required to be allowed to flood and uses are limited those where flooding would have a very low impact. Requires a minimum of two openings on different walls of each enclosed area.  No equivalent provisions in the new floodproofing criteria.
Requires waterproofed areas located below the RFD to have provisions for flooding the space when the flood elevation exceeds the RFD unless demonstrated to be structurally sufficient and approved by the building official. (Design criteria not provided)	
Chapter 9 Flooring	Materials are addressed in Chapter 5.
Includes restrictions on flooring materials and various classifications of finished flooring types.	Flooring finishes are not specifically addressed because uses allowed below the DFE are required to be flood-damage resistant such as steel, concrete, masonry, or preservative treated wood.
Chapter 10 Walls and Ceilings	Materials are addressed in Chapter 5.
Includes restrictions on wall and ceiling materials and various classifications of finished walls and ceiling types.	Wall and ceiling finishes are not specifically addressed because uses allowed below the DFE are required to be flood-damage resistant such as steel, concrete, masonry, or preservative treated wood.
Chapter 11 Contents of Buildings and Structures  Chapter classifies a variety of materials some of which are prohibited from being stored in buildings having a floor level below the RFD. Other materials are only permitted not less than one floor above the RFD and so on.	Commercial storage is not permitted in Flood Design Class  1. Commercial storage must have a floor elevation not less than 1 foot above the base flood elevation or above the DFE, whichever is higher. No commercial storage below the DFE.  Discuss because this could have significant impact on warehousing adjacent to rivers.
Chapter 12 Electrical	
1201.1 Main Power Service: Must be located above RFD	7.2.1 Electrical service conduits below the DFE shall be waterproofed or conform to the provisions of NFPA 70 for wet locations. Underground service shall be buried to a depth sufficient to prevent movement, separation, or loss due to erosion and local scour.
1201.2 Stationary equipment: switchgear, control centers, transformers, distribution and main lighting panels shall all be located above the RFD.	7.2.3 Electric meters shall be located above the DFE unless the meter and the vertical lines extending to the meter are located in a waterproof enclosure.
Portable equipment may be located below the RFD if it can be disconnected from a single location and	7.2.4 Panelboards, disconnect switches and circuit breakers shall be located above the DFE.

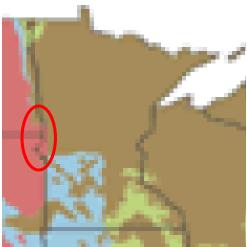
relocated. Disconnect assemblies shall have submersible seals rated for up to 72 hours submersed.	7.2.5 Electrical elements below the DFE limit allowances to that required to meet life safety provisions, limited to 120v, suitable for submergence per NFPA 70 and elements
	suitable for wet locations.
1201.3 Normal and Emergency Lighting Circuits- If extending below the RFD, must come from one common panel located above the RFD with a single disconnect.	7.2.5 Electrical lighting and power below the DFE must come from one common panel located above the DFE with a single disconnect. Elements must comply with NFPA 70 provisions for wet locations.
1201.4 Emergency Lighting Requirements- Locations below the RFD where personnel may be required to conduct emergency operations work with water present shall be provided with automatically operated emergency lighting facilities and emergency lighting circuits which are de-energized prior to personnel working in water. Energy for emergency lighting may be	7.2.5 Electrical lighting (including emergency lighting) and power below the DFE must come from on common panel located above the DFE with a single disconnect. Elements must comply with NFPA 70 provisions for wet locations.  Code does not address power reliability or include subsections on various commercial power supply systems.
via storage battery, generator, separate power supply, or some combination.	
Several subsections have criteria regarding commercial	
power supply systems and variations 1201.5 Lighting and Circuits below the RFD.	7.2.5 Electrical lighting and power below the DFE must
1201.3 Lighting and Circuits below the KFD.	come from on common panel located above the DFE with
Maximum 120v, shall be de-energized from a single disconnect. After submersion, re-energizing shall not occur before cleaning and inspection of the electrical parts submerged.	a single disconnect. Elements must comply with NFPA 70 provisions for wet locations.
1201.6 Submersible equipment	Same as above
1201.7 Submersible wiring	Same as above
1201.8 Elevators- Electrical power equipment and	7.5 Elevators-
components shall be located above the RFD.	All elevator power equipment and components shall be located above the DFE (except the hydraulic components of a hydraulic elevator). Where there is potential for an elevator cab to descend into flood waters, the elevator shall be equipped with controls to prevent the cab from descending into flood water.
1201.9 Electrical Heating Equipment- Electric unit	Not specifically addressed.
heaters below the RFD shall be installed as portable Equipment per 1201.2.	
1201.10 Sump Pump Installation- Sumps installed to keep areas of the structure free of water shall be provided with independent float operated warning alarms and shall be connected to emergency standby generator. Generator shall be located above the RFD and capable of providing power for 125% of the anticipated duration of the design flood.	New code does not allow reliance upon sump pumps to keep building locations from flooding.
1301.1- Mechanical Scope: Applies to buildings having heating, air conditioning, and ventilations systems including all appurtenances in structures within a flood hazard area.	
1301.2 Location: HVAC equipment shall to the maximum extent possible be installed in areas and	7.1 Equipment must be located above the DFE.

spaces above the RFD. When not feasible, equipment	
shall be directly accessible from locations above the RFD.  1301.2.1 Systems using gas or oil fired furnaces shall have a float installed in the fuel supply line to operate when flood waters reach an elevation equal to the floor level of the space where the furnace equipment is installed. A secondary valve control located above the RFD shall be provided.	7.4 Systems using gas or oil fired furnaces shall have a float installed in the fuel supply line to operate when flood waters rise above the DFE. Note: Equipment is not permitted to be installed below the DFE.
13.1.2.1.1 All ductwork for warm air heating systems located below the RFD shall be provided with emergency openings for internal flooding and drainage of the ducts with all openings having covers with gravity operators for closure during normal operations.	7.4 Ductwork and ductwork insulation shall be at or above the DFE unless designed, constructed, and installed to resist all flood-related loads and to prevent flood water from entering or accumulating within the ductwork. Air intake openings and exhaust outlets shall be at or above the DFE.  Tanks associated with HVAC shall meet the requirements of Section 9.7.
1301.2.2 Air conditioning and ventilation systems installed below the RFD shall be installed in W1 or W2 spaces only.	7.1 Equipment must be located above the DFE.
1301.2.3 HVAC installed below the RFD and not installed in W1 or W2 spaces shall have all bearings, seals, shafts, gears, clutches, or controls not capable of withstanding water or silt damage or hydrostatic or hydrodynamic loading shall be provide with suitable protective waterproofing enclosures as required by the building official unless they are considered expendable.	7.1 Equipment must be located above the DFE.
1302 Plumbing systems	7.3 Plumbing Systems
1302.1 Applicability- applies to sanitary drainage, storm drainage, sanitary facilities, water supply, storm water and sewage disposal systems.	Section 7.3 includes sanitary collection systems, rain runoff collection systems sanitary facilities, and plumbing fixtures, water supply systems, (including water heaters and water conditioning equipment) and sewage disposal systems.
1302.1.1 allows existing systems to remain in use.	Section 1.1 Establishes scope as applicable to new construction and alterations to existing work. Existing systems in use are allowed to remain implicitly because they are out of scope.
1302.1.2 Requires permits to change existing systems or install new ones.	Permits are required by MR 1300. Verify that/if permits are required in non-code-enforced areas below the DFE.
1302.1.3 Requires that materials for new work consider the hydrostatic, hydrodynamic, and chemical actions of flood waters on the interior and exterior of piping systems, joints, connections, valves, traps, seals, and fixtures.	
1302.2 Below the RFD: Sanitary sewer and storm drain systems with openings below the RFD shall have autoback water valves or other backflow prevention at each discharge passing through the exterior wall. W1 spaces shall have manually operated shut-off valves that can be operated from a location above the RFD as supplementary protection.	<ul> <li>7.3.4 Sanitary Systems:</li> <li>Design to minimize infiltration of flood waters into the sanitary system and discharges from the system into flood waters.</li> <li>Backflow prevention required for systems located below the DFE.</li> </ul>

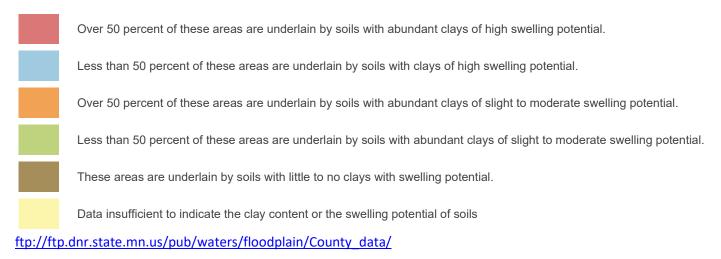
attached to floor drains, clean-outs, and other openings below the RFD and/or manually operated shut-off valves or closure devices.  1302.2.2 Where dryness or structural stability depends on sump pumps, all interior storm water drainage or seepage and under-slab drain tile system shall be directly connected to a sump with pump and discharged not less than 3 feet above the RFD.  1302.2.3 Sanitary sewer and septic required to remain in operation shall be provided with a sealed holding tank and isolation/diversion piping, ejectors and appurtenances necessary for the storage of 150% of anticipated demand for the duration of the RFD. All vents shall be not less than 3 feet above the RFD. Pipe openings through the exterior wall and below the RFD shall be flood-proofed/waterproofed.  1302.3 Sewage Disposal/Treatment: Sewage treatment	<ul> <li>No designs allowed which rely upon sump pumps to keep spaces dry or to alleviate hydrostatic/hydrodynamic pressures on the building structure.</li> <li>Tanks required to hold 150% of the anticipated sewage capacity associated with occupancy during the flood conditions AND during the subsequent periods of saturated soil when sewage will not percolate.</li> <li>Vents and openings shall be located not less than 3 feet above the DFE.</li> <li>Any tanks must be designed to resist 1.5x the buoyancy uplift forces when waters are at the DFE.</li> </ul> Not specifically addressed in the new provisions, but
facilities below the RFD are permitted, except cesspools and seepage pits. Designs shall consider the geology of the area, adjacent wells, and the effects of flooding. Installations in low swampy areas or where water tables are high are prohibited.	completely handled by the plumbing code. (verify)
1302.4 Water Supply: Potable water supplies located in a Flood Hazard Area shall be designed and installed to prevent contamination. No water supply wells shall be located within a building used for human habitation.  1302.4.1 Wells, filters, softeners, heaters and all appliances below the RFD shall be protected from contamination. Vents shall be extended to not less than 3 feet above the RFD.  1302.4.2 Backflow devices shall be installed on the main water service lines at building entry points. Devices shall be installed at accessible locations.  1302.4.3 Water supply wells shall be drilled or driven. Wells must be deeper than 25 feet below the ground surface.	7.3.3 Plumbing Systems Installed Below Minimum Elevations. Plumbing fixtures not permitted below the DFE. Where openings occur below the DFE, they must be protected from contamination with either valves or backflow prevention. Redundant devices requiring human intervention are permitted.
	Consider incorporating ASCE/SEI 7, Chapter C5 into the Minnesota Rule 1335 Book.



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