



COLORADO

Colorado Water
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

CWCB Higher Standards for the State of Colorado:

Category	State of Colorado	Minimum NFIP
Floodway [Rule 8(A)]	0.5-foot maximum surcharge*	1.0-foot maximum surcharge
Freeboard for new structures [Rule 11(B)]	Lowest floor (including basements) 1-foot above BFE	Lowest floor (including basements) at or above BFE
Required LOMR [Rule 12(J)]	Any change to BFE +/- 0.3-foot	----
LOMR-F Areas [Rule 11(C)]	Lowest floor must have 1-foot freeboard above previous BFE	Area removed from SFHA
Critical Facilities [Rule 6(D)]	Lowest floor 2-feet freeboard above BFE	No specific standards

*0.5-foot for flooding sources with no effective floodway; new/updated studies.

Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado, Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Water Conservation Board, November 18, 2022 (Effective January 14, 2022).

[1 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Colorado Water Conservation Board RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR REGULATORY FLOODPLAINS IN COLORADO](#)