

We in DC are on the Hill meeting with these guys. There is not yet widespread awareness on the Hill of the issue but those we have met with share our concern. The real question for us and the Hill is how far the White House will push this.

About a week and a half ago, our chairman sat down with the FEMA assistant secretary who is implementing this executive order. FEMA sees this as applying only to federally owned buildings. That is certainly positive but we have two issues with that. First, the executive order does not state that, so FEMA said they would try to work with us to make it explicitly clear. That effort is underway. But even if they do, our second concern is that referencing a 500 year flood plain and climate-based science sets a new bar and will eventually spill over into the national flood insurance program.

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