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On January 30, 2015 President Obama issued Executive Order 13690, *Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input*. This Executive Order amended Executive Order 11988: *Floodplain Management*, and urges federal agencies to consider the impacts of higher floods when planning federal facilities by applying one of three stricter flood elevation standards. The revised Executive Order identifies the "Climate-Informed Science Approach" as its preferred standard, but also allows federal agencies to use the 100-year flood elevation + 2 feet (or + 3 feet if a critical facility), or the 500-year flood elevation.

Each federal agency is responsible for determining which flood elevation standard to use for their own projects and operations. However, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) sees an opportunity for agencies with major land holdings in the National Capital Region to share data and strategies for managing flood risk and encourage coordinated approaches reflecting regional conditions. This presentation will provide a brief background on Washington, DC's vulnerability to flooding, and describe NCPC's proposal to lead four work groups over the coming months to help federal agencies in the region respond to Executive Order 13690.