

# Thinking about Privatization

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### Privatization offers opportunities

Potential business development

 Given time to grow a private market



#### Before privatization can progress

- Rates must be actuarially sound
  - To generate stable reinsurance
- Penetration is key
  - Possibly the greatest challenge
- Flood insurance must be simplified

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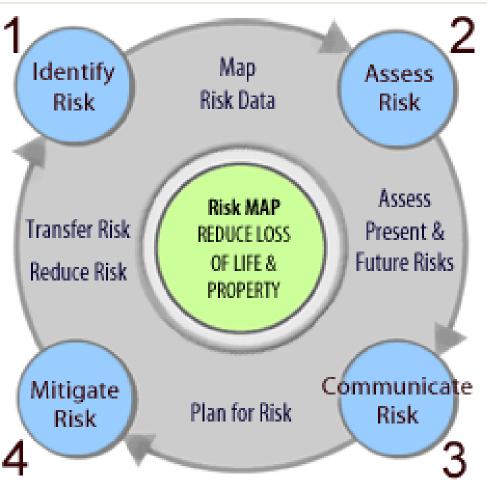


### What about another way?

#### Consider:

A universal change to how we analyze the peril of flood





Source: FEMA



### **Challenges to Privatization**



- Exposure data
  - Available
  - Variable results
  - NFIP data
- Vulnerability data
  - ElevationCertificates

### Ways to access risk

- Current method
- Alternatives



- Less specific property modeling
- Like other property insurance
  - By community vs. nationwide
  - Modify based on building characteristics
  - Role of Community Rating System (CRS)

### Federal regulation

- Evolution must occur for privatization to flourish
  - Rates and Forms filings
    - will hinder development
  - Claims
    - may offer the solution



## Flood Mapping and CRS

- Imperative focus
  - Funding
  - Updates
  - Maintenance
- Sound floodplain management





Source: FEMA.gov

#### **Questions: The Best Path Forward?**

What happens in a tight reinsurance market?

After privatization – what happens to the residual market?

If US Government is the market of last resort—what is the impact to taxpayers?

Review GAO report for even more questions.



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