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ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps Now Available**

On December 5, 2013 FEMA released Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for New York City. This is the first step in the regulatory review process, which includes a public comment period followed by a statutory 90-day appeals period before the maps are adopted by the City as new Effective FIRMs. Members of the public can submit comments at www.nyc.gov/floodmaps.

The Preliminary FIRMs do not impact flood insurance rates, but they do depict areas that will require flood insurance in the near future when these maps become effective, expected in 2015.

- **Local Law 96 Now in Effect**

Local Law 96, in effect January 6, 2014, requires all new and substantially improved structures in the updated floodplain to be built to the standards reflected in the Preliminary FIRMs. Read the law at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/downloads/pdf/l196of2013.pdf>.

FEMA's new maps are available through:

- 1) FEMA's Map Service Center: www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata
- 2) FEMA Region 2's website: www.region2coastal.com
- 3) FEMA Region 2's geoportal:
<http://apps.femadata.com/PreliminaryViewer/?appid=687703427dd347018b8fa2bb0adee979>

OUTREACH

- **LL87 – New Dates for DOB LL87 Information Sessions**

The NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) will be holding information sessions on Local Law 87 at 280 Broadway in Lower Manhattan. The sessions are designed for both building owners and consultants to gain a general overview of the law. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The following sessions will be held at the 3rd floor main conference room from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM:

- Wednesday, January 8, 2014,
- Wednesday, January 15, 2014,
- Wednesday, February 19, 2014, and
- Wednesday, February 26, 2014

To register to attend, email Tiffany Norwood at tinorwood@buildings.nyc.gov.

- **How Knowledge Can Save Power – Benchmarking Discussion**



The Sallan Foundation, Friends of Benchmarking, and the New York Institute of Technology will hold a discussion on the impact of benchmarking in New York City on Thursday, January 23, 2014. Read more at <http://e2.ma/message/gmzsm/8burnf>.

- **PlaNYC Newsletter and Twitter**

Want to get the latest information on PlaNYC sustainability and resiliency related news? Subscribe by emailing planyc@cityhall.nyc.gov, or visit our newsletter archive [here](#). Follow us also on Twitter at twitter.com/planyc.

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REMINDER

- **LL84 – Next Quarterly Deadline to Submit for 2012 reporting is February 1st**

If you have not yet submitted your calendar year 2012 benchmarking report to the City:

- Follow the guidance on your violation notice to pay the penalty to the Department of Buildings to dismiss the violation.
- Submit your LL84 2012 report to the City via the [NYC LL84 2012 reporting link](#) before February 1st to avoid the possible issuance of additional violations with additional penalties.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **LL84 — Updates for 2013 Aggregated Data Requests**

- Pursuant with Local Law 84, Section 28-309.4.1, the Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability will not require building owners to utilize the Non-Residential Tenant Data Collection Form for 2013 consumption. The City strongly encourages building owners to request aggregated consumption data directly from their respective utility companies.
- National Grid is currently taking requests. For instructions on how to submit your data request to National Grid, please refer to [LL84 – Energy Data Collection](#).
- Con Ed will begin accepting requests on February 15, 2014. Please refer to the [Con Ed Benchmarking](#) website for more information.
- The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will resume uploading of water consumption via Portfolio Manager’s web services starting on or around February 10, 2014. Water reporting is required for those buildings which have had an Automatic Meter Reader installed for the entirety of 2013. For more information and revised guidance tutorials, please check the [LL84 – Water Data Collection website for updates](#).

OUTREACH

- **LL84 – Con Ed Benchmarking Webinar February 5, 1pm – 2:30pm**

Con Edison has made changes to the request submission process for aggregated consumption data. For 2013 aggregated consumption data, requests must be submitted to Con Edison’s Project Center, an online tool used to track and manage customer requests. The webinar will be Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 1pm – 2:30pm.

To register for the webinar, please email citybenchmarking@coned.com with your name and email address. Webinar access instructions will be emailed to you 2 days before the webinar. For more information, please see the [Con Ed Benchmarking website](#).

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