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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ELEVATION CERTIFICATES**

During the post reconstruction from Hurricane Isabel several inconsistencies were noted in the preparation of Flood Elevation Certificates. These inconsistencies related to the usage of non-documented monuments being used to determine the base flood elevations of houses and other structures. The Department contacted the Maryland State Licensing Board to determine which design professionals may legally certify FEMA elevations and complete the required FEMA documentation.

As a result of our request, the Office of the Attorney General has determined the practice of certifying elevations of a building or structure is in the exclusive scope of license of professional surveyors. In accordance with this determination, effective November 1, 2004 the Department will only accept elevation certificates which prepared by professional surveyors.