

## Memorandum

**Date:** August 15, 2012  
**To:** Municipal Building Officials  
**From:** Stephen Hernick; State Building Official  
**Subject:** Existing buildings located in a floodplain

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As a result of recent floods, questions have been raised regarding the replacement of flood-damaged furnaces, water heaters and electrical panels in buildings located within the floodplain.

When replacing this equipment, do they need to be moved from their present location if currently located below the Regulatory Flood Datum "RFD" to a location above the RFD?

In accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Rule Chapter 1335, Flood-proofing Regulations, unless the damage equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, the equipment is not required to be relocated.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact Doug Nord at 651-284-5838.