

MIP Service Pack 13

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1. Introduction

The Service Pack 13 Release Notes contain helpful information for the Mapping Information Platform (MIP) user community regarding the contents of this service pack. This document provides users with great detail relating to the exciting new enhancements, known as change requests (CRs), to the MIP. To review the individual CRs found in MIP Service Pack 13, please review *Section 2* of this document. Please note that certain CRs affect more than one function (such as Amendments, Revisions, and Studies) and may be listed multiple times.

For reference, the MIP team has identified each CR by a specific number. If you have more questions about a specific CR, please contact MIPHelp (miphelp@mapmodteam.com or 1- 877-FEMA-MAP). In your request please provide the CR number, Service Pack number (Service Pack 13), and reference this document.

2. Service Pack 13 CRs

Amendments

CR 7384

MIP Users will now have a new way to add multiple lots (parcel/tract of land) on the Data by Lot screen for Amendment cases. Implementing this CR will provide users with the ability to add data items using an Excel spreadsheet or using the standard screen. This will save users a significant amount of time compared to adding multiple lots using the standard format.

CR 8731

Projects listed on the MT-1 docket screen will now be grouped by Case Number. Previously, these projects were grouped by the order they were added. This will improve FEMA's ability to efficiently review MT-1 projects in the MIP.

CR 10376

This CR will combine multiple Review Recommendation activities that currently appear on the FEMA Amendment Lead's work item list. The FEMA Amendment Lead will no longer have to claim and complete multiple Review Recommendation activities because all projects on that day's MT-1 Docket will be displayed in one Review Recommendation activity.

Amendment Reports

CR 11025

There will be an insert added to the Amendment Additional Data/Fee letters (216-AD letters) that will be returned along with the data and/or fees submitted to FEMA. This insert will include information about the project that will allow Project Administration to easily identify which project the data and/or fees belong to.

eLOMA

CR 11024

eLOMA projects will now be identified as “eLOMA” instead of “LOMA” in certain non-public reports. This change will be applied to the following non-public reports: LOMC Case Tracking, Project Listing, Amendment Project Data Sheet, and Community LOMC List.

CR 10829

The MIP team has created a new eLOMA report similar to the LOMC Case Tracking Report. The report will be filtered by Case Number and/or Tracking Number and will display specific information such as: Region, State, County, Community Name, LP Name/email address, Project ID.

General Changes to the MIP

CR 10233

With the deployment of Service Pack 13 the MIP team has enhanced the MIP Work Item List. Users are now able to select from a list of ‘columns’ (attribute fields) depending on their role set (Amendment, Revision, and Study) to modify which ones are visible in their work item list. Users can save this list for future use. The new ‘columns’ provide a great deal more information about each activity/project, including: dashboard calculations, task descriptions, and community/state information.

The changes also provide an enhanced interface. Users can dynamically sort, filter, and page through their work item list without having to refresh the entire page. This makes it easier for the user to find a particular item or group of items that they wish to view.

Through these changes, each user will be able to better prioritize and manage their tasks.

For more information about the new MIP Work Item List and an overview accompanied by screenshots, please review *Section 3* of this document.

Map Viewer

CR 10860

This change improves the usability of the Map Viewer by providing better information to the user. The Map Viewer utilizes external Web Map Service (WMS) layers to provide reference data, and occasionally, these external layers are not available. Now when a layer is unavailable, it will automatically be removed from the legend and the status will be displayed. Previously, there was no way for the user to tell when a WMS layer was unavailable.

MIP Tools Integration

CR 11089

Changes in text and messaging will improve the usability of the Load Study Data Artifacts and Load Amendment/Revision Data Artifacts upload portlets. This will provide much better communication between the users and MIPHelp if the user has a problem completing this step in the workflow.

PALT

CR 11054

The PALT report “Procurement Milestones Reports” has been renamed to “PALT – Planned and Due Dates Report.” The new name is more in line with the data contained within the report, because the report includes funding from grants.

CR 11430

The PALT Report, “PALT Actions Over \$250,000,” will now include the following: a date/time stamp, year to which the report refers, and functionality to allow the user to run the report for prior fiscal years. The additions to this report will provide the user with more useful information about the selected report.

Process Administration

CR 10377

A review screen will be displayed to the Amendments Docket Admin when they are creating an unscheduled docket before the task is completed. This will ensure that the unscheduled docket is properly identified and listed for FEMA’s approval.

Reports

CR 10274

The Open LOMCs report has been modified to show only in-progress LOMCs. Previously the report included projects that had been completed within the last 180 days, which are identified in the Completed LOMCs report.

CR 10792

The Project Listing Report in General Reports will now display the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel number/s associated with each project.

Revisions

CR 10313

To accommodate the business needs of Revision users, several fields in the Revisions Process Request have been changed: the 'correction' has been replaced with 'update' in the basis of request field; while 'berm' has been removed and 'retention basin' has been added to the project description field. In addition, there will be a free form text box in the community information screen when 'update' has been chosen as the basis of request.

Revision Letters

CR 10718

When a channel, culvert, bridge, or channel relocation is chosen as 'Project Type,' paragraph 17B will be populated in the Revision Letter to better reflect the determination. This will improve the accuracy of the letter.

CR 10137

The new North Carolina specific cover letters have been uploaded into the MIP for use by the North Carolina Flood Plain mapping partners. Letters will be generated for either Mecklenburg County or North Carolina based on Community ID (CID). Prior to this change, these cover letters were generated manually by North Carolina

Sequencing

CR 10220

The lockout feature of the Sequencing Tool has been updated to remove the possibility of an indefinite lockout for any region's dataset. The dataset will remain locked when users are actively editing county data. If a user's session times out or the application is improperly closed, the dataset will only remain locked to other users for 30 minutes.

Study Reports

CR 10468

There will be multiple additions to the Community Locator Report, including State, Program, and Community Status. 'Program' will include the choice of 'Regular' or 'Emergency,' and Community Status will include multiple choices – Participating, Not Participating, Suspended– using dropdown menus.

CR 10809

In the Study Project Progress Report the filter criteria 'Region' will be ahead of 'organization name.' Organization name will now be selected from a dropdown menu.

3. Improvements to the MIP Work Item List

Enhancements provided by Service Pack 13 will change the way users utilize their MIP Work Item List. Improvements allow users to customize how items are displayed and sorted, which improves the efficiency and lay out for each user.

The user has the option of claiming an activity from the 'Work Item List' (see Figure 1). Once claimed, the specifics of that item will display under the 'Work Item Details' heading. This will allow users to find their work items faster.

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Claim a task by clicking the Claim button. Clicking on the Activity Name link will display information in the Work Item Details (below). Click on column names to sort by that column. The input fields below may be used to filter your work item list.

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Claim	Activity Name	Case Number	Task Description
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0759S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0524S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0407S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0305S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	06-01-B163S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0372S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0096S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0341S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0363S	
Claim	Prepare For Scoping	07-01-0310S	

Showing 1 to 10 of 964 specified. Total number of items: 964

First < 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 > Last

Work Item Details - Project # unknown



Select an item from Work Item List.

Figure 1. Claim Project - MIP Work Item List

Users may also follow the ‘Options’ link located above the work item list seen in Figure 1. This will open the ‘Work Item List Options’ shown in Figure 2.

The ‘Work Item List Options’ screen allows the user to modify the ‘Displayed Columns’ in the work item list, by adding from the set of ‘Available Columns,’ see below. This new feature allows customization of the work item list so the most relevant information associated with each activity can be viewed. The default columns: Claim, Case number, and Activity Name cannot be removed as ‘Displayed Columns’ in the work item list.

The user may also save any changes made on this screen. These changes will be saved to their MIP profile and retained for future use.

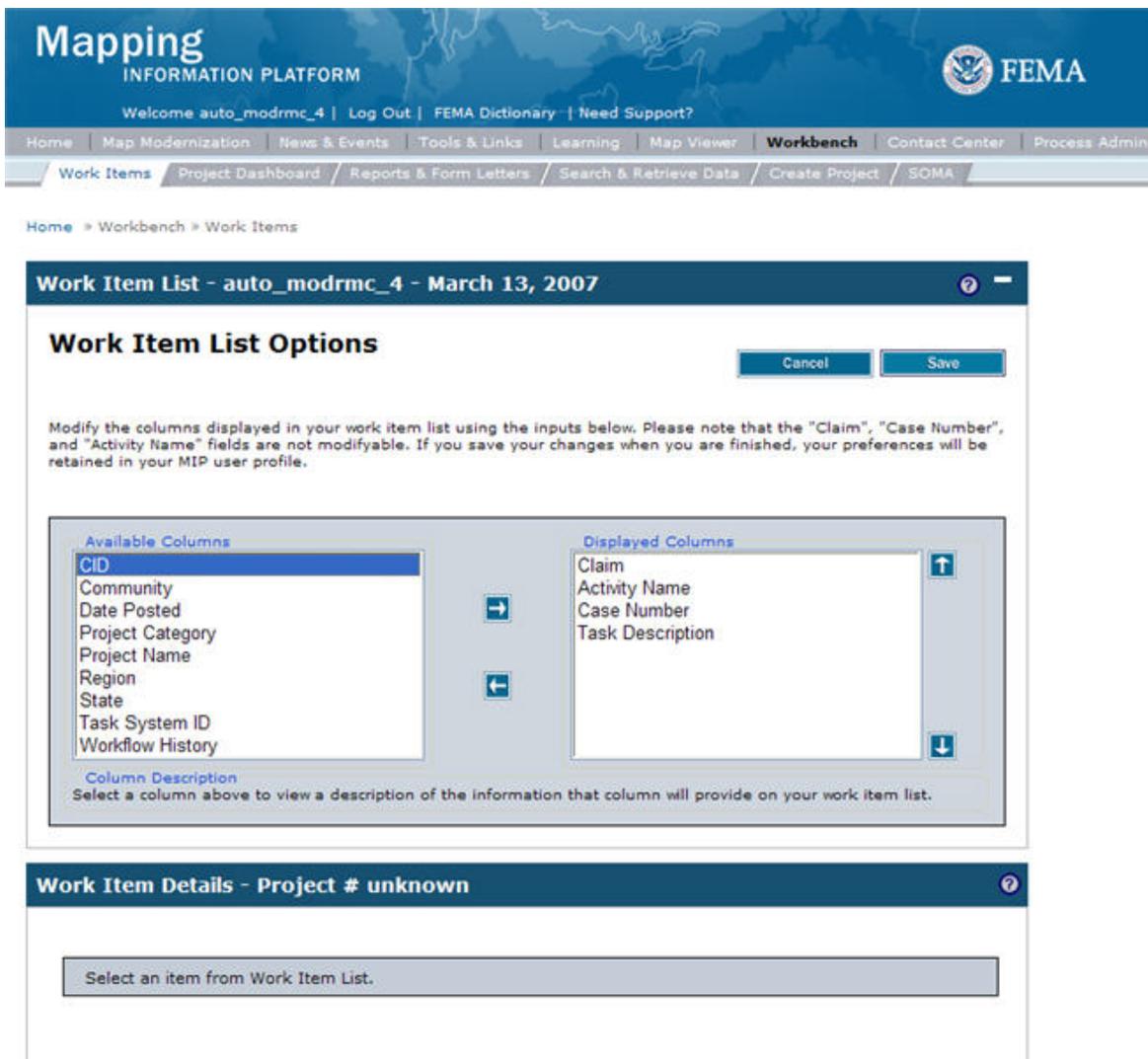


Figure 2. Option Screen - Work Item List