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President Donald Trump will roll back a flood standard designed to protect federal investments from stronger storms as part of an executive order set to be signed this afternoon, according to a White House source.

The Federal Flood Risk Management Standard was established under an executive order issued by President Barack Obama in 2015. It requires that new federally funded projects — from government buildings like Veterans Administrations hospitals to bridges and schools funded by federal grants — be built to withstand the stronger storms and additional flooding projected to occur as the climate changes. It does not apply to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Obama administration's standard offers multiple options for achieving greater flood protection, but generally requires construction to withstand a 500-year storm. The previous standard, on the books for more than four decades, required construction to take place outside of the 100-year floodplain. The new standard has not actually taken effect yet; each federal agency is tasked with developing its own regulation for implementing the standard, and none have yet been finalized.

Industry groups objected to the standard, arguing it was developed behind closed doors and could greatly increase costs.

Environmental groups have objected to efforts to repeal the standard.

"Ninety percent of all natural disasters in the United States involve flooding. These events claim lives and strain the capacity of government agencies and local communities to adequately respond and provide relief," Laura Lightbody with the Pew Charitable Trusts said in a statement.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Trump is slated to sign an executive order on infrastructure containing the roll back of the Federal Flood Risk Management standard at 3 p.m. today.

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