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**New North American Vertical Datum of 1988, Reference for the National Geodetic Vertical Control Network**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice serves as official notification of the establishment of a new Datum to which the geodetic height (elevation) values for the National Geodetic Vertical Control Network will be referenced. The new Datum shall be known as the "North American Vertical Datum of 1988," and will be referred to as "NAVD of 1988," or "NAVD 88." The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 will replace the present Datum which is known as the "National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929"; also called "NGVD of 1929," or "NGVD 29."

The National Geodetic Survey Division, National Ocean Service, NOAA, is in the process of redefining the existing Datum and readjusting the National Geodetic Vertical Control Network. The end result will be improved values of geodetic heights for all published National Geodetic Survey vertical control points (bench marks). Completion is scheduled for 1988. Until then, the published height values will continue to be referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

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