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The Honorable Robert Stanley, Jr.
Chairman, Fairview Township Board of
Supervisors
599 Lewisberry Road
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070

Community:

Community No.:

Township of Fairview,
York County,
Pennsylvania
420923

Dear Mr. Stanley:

On November 26, 2013, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for York County, Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions). Since that release, FEMA Region III has determined that revisions to preliminary FIRM Panel 42133C0051F, and Volume I of the FIS Report, are required. This revised edition of the study incorporates corrected elevation labels on the cross sections for Yellow Breeches Creek that did not show the correct backwater elevations from the Susquehanna River. A copy of revised preliminary FIRM panel 42133C0051F and the revised preliminary edition of Volume I of the FIS Report are enclosed.

We are sending revised preliminary copies at this time to give your community an opportunity to review them. Additionally, in an effort to assist you in circulating the information, FEMA has posted digital copies of the revised preliminary FIRM and FIS Report materials on the following website:
<http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>.

To assist us in processing the FIRM in a timely manner, we request that your community review the enclosed copies and submit any changes or comments (digital format such as shapefiles preferred) no later than 30 days from the date of this letter. Any comments received during this review period will be reviewed and incorporated, as appropriate, before the FIRM and FIS Report for your community become effective. Comments may be sent to: Mr. Ben Kaiser by email at Benjamin.Kaiser@urs.com, or by mail at URS Corporation, 12420 Milestone Center Drive, Suite 150, Germantown, Maryland 20876.

Following the release of this revised preliminary and a notice of proposed flood hazard determinations in the *Federal Register*, we will initiate a statutory 90-day appeal period for certain communities within York County. A statutory 90-day appeal period is required when FEMA adds or modifies Base (1-percent annual chance) Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways within a community, as shown on the preliminary and revised preliminary FIRMs. If your community is identified as requiring an appeal period, we will send you a letter approximately two weeks before the start of the 90-day appeal period to detail the appeal process. The letter will forward information regarding notifications to be published in the *Federal Register* and local newspaper(s) and will provide the first and second publication dates. The appeal period will start on the second publication date.

A copy of the preliminary Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) was originally sent to your community on November 26, 2013. Since the distribution of the preliminary SOMA, there have been no changes or additional Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) issued.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, the preliminary SOMA documents previous LOMC actions that will be affected when the FIRM becomes effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories:

- (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the FIRM;
- (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the FIRM because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the SFHA as shown on the FIRM;
- (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the FIRM because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based is being superseded by new flood hazard information; and
- (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2, above.

LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community prior to the effective date of the FIRM. These Category 2 LOMCs will become effective one day after the FIRM becomes regulatory.

For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted with the LOMA or LOMR application and, if requested issue a new determination for the affected properties after the FIRM becomes effective.

Your community should be aware that recently approved LOMCs, specifically Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) may have been issued for your community. The LOMR process is dynamic and FEMA is reviewing LOMR applications regularly. To complete production of the preliminary and revised preliminary FIRMs, which includes incorporating the effects of “mappable” LOMRs issued since the last map effective date, a specific cutoff was established. FEMA will address any approved LOMRs issued after the cutoff date when the final SOMA is distributed. If your community has concerns regarding a specific case, please submit the LOMR case number, as well as any appropriate documentation, to our FEMA Regional Office at 615 Chestnut Street, One Independence Mall, 6th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105 before the end of the comment or appeal periods.

Your community's comments on the enclosed materials are an important part of our review process and will be carefully considered before we publish the FIRM and FIS Report in their final form. If you are interested in discussing the enclosed materials, please contact Project Officer Mr. Lee Brancheau, GISP, CFM, of FEMA's Regional Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at (215) 931-5729 or Mr. Ben Kaiser of URS at (301) 820-3230 or using the information provided above.

If you have general questions about mapping issues, please call our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or e-mail our FMIX staff at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Sincerely,



Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosures: Revised preliminary FIRM Panel: 42133C0051F
Revised preliminary FIS Report: Volume I
DVD containing revised preliminary materials in digital format

cc: Mr. Stephen Waller, Zoning Officer, Township of Fairview
Mr. Daniel Fitzpatrick, CFM, Department of Community and Economic Development, State
NFIP Coordinator