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In Reply Refer To:

Case No.: FEMA CASE 13-01-1770S

The Honorable Jon Mitchell
Mayor, City of New Bedford
New Bedford City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Community Name: City of New Bedford,
Bristol County,
Massachusetts
Community No.: 255216

Re: Revised Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Incorporating the Accredited New Bedford-Fairhaven Hurricane Barrier

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

On October 26, 2012, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued Revised Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, and a DVD containing flood hazard data to your community. Since this Revised Preliminary issuance, comments on the Revised Preliminary information have been received that warrant revisions. A summary of revisions that were necessary to correct errors in the Preliminary information for your community are given in this letter.

For your community, changes were made to FIRM Panel Nos. 25005C0391G, 25005C0393G, 25005C0394G, 25005C0481G, and 25005C0482G and the FIS report. STARR, the FEMA production and technical services contractor who issued the Preliminary FIRMs, has revised the above referenced panels and the FIS report to include these corrections:

- On panel 25005C0391G, 25005C0393G, 25005C0394G, 25005C0481G, and 25005C0482G the static Base Flood Elevation (BFE) for New Bedford Harbor should have been labeled Zone AE (EL6).
- In the FIS Report:
 - Summary of Revised Stillwater Elevations Table 13 – Ascushnet River 1%-Annual-Chance should have been stated as 5.5 feet and not 4.9 feet.
 - Floodway Data Table (FDT) for Ascushnet River – Backwater Effects for cross sections A and B should have been stated as 5.5 feet and not 4.9 feet.
 - Flood Profile for Ascushnet River - Backwater Effects for the 1%-Annual-Chance of 5.5 feet should have been reflected and not 4.9 feet.

Please find enclosed a DVD with the revised Preliminary material for the City of New Bedford. To avoid confusion, we recommend that you discard the DVD that was sent on October 26, 2012 as the enclosed DVD contains all information pertaining to your community. We also recommend that you update any town GIS files with floodplain information. The Floodplain Administrator for your community will receive a hard copy of the FIRM panels, FIS, and the DVD.

We will be initiating a second statutory 90-day appeal period which is required when FEMA adds or modifies Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, SFHAs, flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways within a community, as shown on the Revised Preliminary FIRMs. We will send you a letter approximately 2 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. Your community's comments on the Preliminary materials are an important part of our mapping process, and we will consider them carefully before we publish them in their final form.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the enclosed map, please contact your NFIP State Coordinator, Richard Zingarelli, whose contact information is provided at the end of this letter. Also available to answer questions is David Mendelsohn, the FEMA Consultation Coordination Officer designated for your community. David can be reached at (617) 832-4713.

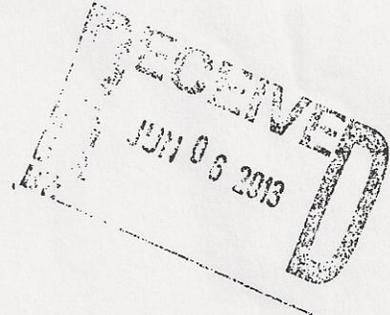
Sincerely,



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FEMA Region I

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Enclosures:

DVD of revised Preliminary FIRMs, FIS, and SOMA

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Kenneth Motta, Chairperson, Conservation Commission, City of New Bedford (w/o enclosures)
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