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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 May 31, 2013, 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 additional revisions. The revision to the Preliminary FIRM includes Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and Zone label corrections in the Town of Fairhaven. Your community is receiving the corrected information since you share the revised panel with the Town of Fairhaven. The corrections were made to FIRM Panel No. 25005C0394G. STARR, the FEMA production and technical services contractor who issued the Preliminary FIRM, has revised the above referenced panel to include the following corrections:

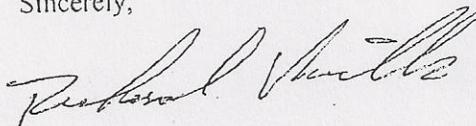
- The static BFE of Zone AE (EL 5) near Water Street in the Town of Fairhaven, for the New Bedford Harbor, should have been labeled Zone AE (EL 6).
- The Zone VE (EL 14) near Hathaway Street in the Town of Fairhaven should have been labeled Zone AE (EL 14).

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 May 31, 2013 as the enclosed DVD contains all information pertaining to your community. The Floodplain Administrator for your community will receive a hard copy of the FIRM panels and 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, Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways within a community, as shown on the Revised Preliminary FIRMs. Prior to the start of the appeal period, we will send you a letter with information about the appeal process. The letter, which you will receive in the next several days, 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 State National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator, Richard Zingarelli, whose contact information is provided at the end of this letter. Kerry Bogdan, Senior Engineer, FEMA Region I, is also available to answer questions. Kerry can be reached at (617) 956-7576 or by email at Kerry.Bogdan@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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DVD of revised Preliminary FIRM

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