



FEMA

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RE: Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for Chittenden County, Vermont (All Jurisdictions)

Dear Mr. Walkerman:

Thank you for your interest and engagement with us through the floodmap revision process. As you recall, preliminary Chittenden County, Vermont (All Jurisdictions) Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report were provided to your community on July 9, 2009. We recognize the impact the revised flood mapping could have on the community and have devoted close and serious attention to the matter. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a status update and describe the next steps in the process.

As you are aware, the initial appeal period for Chittenden County, Vermont (All Jurisdictions) opened on October 29, 2009, and closed on January 27, 2010. Over the past several months FEMA has reviewed your preliminary DFIRMs and has determined that there will be additional new or modified Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) in Chittenden County, Vermont (All Jurisdictions). As a result, FEMA will open a new statutory 90-day appeal period for the new or modified BFEs.

As there were no new or modified BFEs for your community, your community is not eligible for a formal appeal; however, comments are encouraged throughout the map update process. This letter is to provide you with the most up-to-date versions of your community's DFIRM panels for your review and comment. While FEMA will re-initiate the appeal period for those communities eligible in the near future, you do not need to wait for this appeal period to begin and can submit comments at any time.

The floodmap gives your community the means to mitigate flood risk through improved floodplain management policies and tactics and enables your citizens to mitigate their risk through implementing flood-resistant building techniques and/or buying flood insurance. These

maps can also play an important part of your community's disaster planning. It is important to FEMA that we collaborate with you to develop the most accurate flood maps possible. If you have any questions about the flood map update process, have suggested areas for improvement, or are interested in discussing the enclosed data, please contact Kerry Bogdan with FEMA Region I, at (617) 956-7576 or David Mendelsohn with FEMA Region I, at (617) 832-4713.

Sincerely,



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