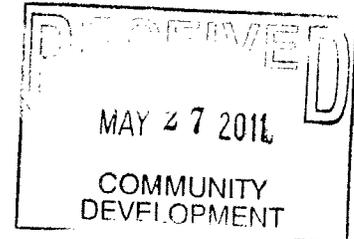




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May 23, 2011

Erik Tolley  
Chairperson, Board of Selectmen  
Town of Yarmouth  
Town Hall  
1146 Route 28  
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664

Reference: Updated Coastal Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for the Town of Yarmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Tolley:

Your community recently received communication informing you that we were rescinding the December 16, 2010 Letter of Final Determination (LFD). This communication stated that Barnstable County, Massachusetts will not receive Digital Flooding Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) on June 16, 2011 through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Map Modernization Program. The Barnstable County DFIRMs will be delayed approximately one year and will be issued in June or July 2012.

On April 14, 2011, FEMA held Discovery Meetings in Chatham and Hyannis at which we discussed a new FEMA program titled Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP). Due to flood map improvements initiated under the Risk MAP Program, FEMA will be updating the engineering analysis along the Massachusetts coastline. This Risk MAP Program restudy will result in updated technical data being incorporated into the Barnstable County coastal DFIRMS over the next two years.

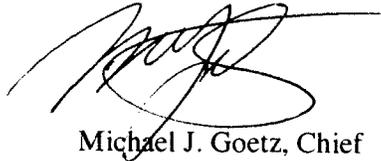
STARR is currently serving FEMA as a Production and Technical Services contractor under the Risk MAP Program. In support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), STARR is initiating the coastal flood hazard analysis in Barnstable County. The Town of Yarmouth is one of the communities in which new coastal flood hazard analysis and mapping will be conducted. The current tasks will include field survey and reconnaissance activities, review of the coastal hydrology, and updates to the hydraulic analysis for the shoreline of the Town of Yarmouth. This data will then be utilized to produce an updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and updated coastal DFIRM panels for the Town of Yarmouth.

This letter is to inform you of our field survey and reconnaissance activities, which will include a visual inspection of the shoreline to identify changes in physical conditions from the previous FIS report, determine the condition of shore protection structures and natural barriers, and evaluate potential locations for transects used in our hydraulic analysis. The reconnaissance study will be completed on foot for coastal beaches and by boat for inner-harbor areas and inaccessible coastal areas. Two-person teams of STARR staff will be using hand-held Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and digital cameras to document our findings. STARR plans to initiate the field activities in May 2011. It is anticipated that the field activities will be ongoing from May through July 2011. If you should have questions regarding this

activity, please contact STARR's Project Manager, Brian Caufield at [Brian.Caufield@starr-team.com](mailto:Brian.Caufield@starr-team.com) or by telephone at (617) 452-6658. STARR field staff will carry photo identification and a FEMA letter detailing the purpose of their activities. The STARR field teams will contact the community police agency prior to starting field activities.

We look forward to working with the community officials of the Town of Yarmouth to ensure that the goals of this Risk MAP project are met. We believe that this project is an important step to allow the Town of Yarmouth to continue to administer effective floodplain management programs and communicate the most accurate risk information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Bogdan of my staff by email at [kerry.bogdan@dhs.gov](mailto:kerry.bogdan@dhs.gov) or by telephone at (617) 956-7576. You may also contact Richard Zingarelli, NFIP State Coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Flood Hazard Management by email at [richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us](mailto:richard.zingarelli@state.ma.us) or by telephone at (617) 626-1406.

Sincerely,



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