Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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Douglassville, Pennsylvania 19518

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 98-03-732A
Community: Township of Union,
Berks County, Pennsylvania
Community No.: 420155
Map Panel Affected: Berks County,
Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions)
Number: 42011C0677 E
Map Effective Date: December 5, 1997

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We reviewed a request submitted on your behalf by Congressman Tim Holden dated March 17, 1998, for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). All required information for this request was received on June 12, 1998. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we determined that a portion of the property described below is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood); however, the structure on the property is not in the SFHA.

Property Description:	A 3.19 acre parcel of land, as described in Deed Document No. 18786, recorded in Volume 1838, Pages 1093 and 1094, filed in the Berks County Recorder of Deeds' Office on June 15, 1983
Street Address:	1593 West Schuylkill Road
Flooding Source:	Schuylkill River

The structure is correctly shown outside the SFHA on the above-referenced NFIP map. The structure is located in Zone X (unshaded), an area above the 0.2-percent-annual-chance flood level. Flood insurance coverage for the structure may be available under a low-cost policy (see enclosed document). Because portions of the property remain in the SFHA, any future construction or substantial improvement on the property remains subject to Federal, Commonwealth, and local regulations for floodplain management.

A portion of this property, but not the existing structure, is located within the regulatory floodway for the Schuylkill River. The regulatory floodway is the area that must be maintained in an unobstructed condition in order to prevent unacceptable increases in base flood levels. Therefore, no construction may take place in a regulatory floodway that would cause any increase in the base flood elevation level. Since the regulatory floodway is adopted and enforced by the community, any proposed revision to the regulatory floodway must be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by community officials. The community should contact Mr. Thomas Majusiak, Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA's Region III Office at (215) 931-5512 for guidance on the data that must be submitted in order to revise a regulatory floodway.

If the policy has been written using an incorrect zone, it can be endorsed to correct the zone for the current policy year and one prior policy term. You should contact your insurance agent or company to request endorsement of the policy.

Additional information about LOMAs is enclosed. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Helen Cohn of our staff in Washington, D.C., either by telephone at (202) 646-3457 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Congressman Tim Holden