Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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Mr. Tony L. Brubaker
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Township of Marion
420 Water Street
Stouchsburg, PA 19567

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 02-03-0348A
Community: Township of Marion,
Berks County,
Pennsylvania
Community No.: 421079
Map Panel Affected: Berks County, Pennsylvania
(All Jurisdictions)
Panel Number: 42011C0452F
Map Effective Date: May 21, 2001

218-70-NFS

Dear Mr. Brubaker:

We reviewed a request dated November 15, 2001, for a Letter of Map Amendment. All required information for this request was received on January 11, 2001. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we determined that the structure on the property described below is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and the regulatory floodway for Tulpehocken Creek; therefore, flood insurance is required. The structure, which was constructed prior to the floodway being designated, is correctly shown on the effective NFIP map in the SFHA, designated Zone AE. However, the structure is not in violation of Subparagraph 60.3(d)(3) of the NFIP regulations because it was built prior to the designation of the floodway. The SFHA is an area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood).

Property Description:	A parcel of land, as described in Deed, Document No. 74971, recorded in Volume 3151, Pages 1141 through 1143, filed on December 6, 1999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Berks County, Pennsylvania
Street Address:	518 Canal Road
Flooding Source:	Tulpehocken Creek

The elevation of the lowest adjacent grade to a structure (the lowest ground touching the structure) must be at or above the base (1% annual chance) flood elevation (BFE) for the structure to be removed from the SFHA. Because the elevation of the lowest adjacent grade to the structure, 361.1 feet, is lower than the base flood elevation, 364.0 feet, as shown on the enclosed Flood Data Table for Tulpehocken Creek, published in the Flood Insurance Study for Berks County, Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions), the structure is within the SFHA. Therefore, flood insurance is required. These elevations are referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

In accordance with Subparagraph 60.3(d)(3) of the NFIP regulations, encroachments, including the construction of structures, may not take place within the regulatory floodway if they are found to cause an increase in BFEs. Your community may want to contact Robert Gunter, Division Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at (215) 931-5512, for guidance.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact John F. Magnotti III of my staff in Washington, D.C., by telephone at (202) 646-3932 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Miller

Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
Hazards Study Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure

cc: State/Commonwealth Coordinator (w/o enclosure)
Region (w/o enclosure)
Mr. Brian Hertzog