Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT
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IN REPLY REFER TO CASE NO.: 99-03-164A

Community: Township of Washington, Berks County, Pennsylvania
Community No.: 421383
Map Panel Affected: Berks County, Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions)
Number: 42011C0438 E
Map Effective Date: December 5, 1997

We reviewed a request dated October 19, 1998, for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). All required information for this request was received on November 2, 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 the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), an 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 residential structure on the property is not in the SFHA.

Property Description:	Parcels of land, as described and recorded in Deed of Survivorship, Deed Book No. 1718, Pages 477-484 on August 10, 1977 and in Fee Simple Deed Book No. 1783, Pages 673-676 on July 3, 1980, both documents were filed in the Berks County Office of Recording of Deeds
Street Address:	26 Lenape Road
Flooding Source:	Tributary E to Swamp Creek

The residential structure is correctly shown outside the SFHA on the above-referenced NFIP map. The residential structure is located in Zone X (shaded). Flood insurance coverage for the residential 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 residential structure, is located within the regulatory floodway for Tributary E to Swamp Creek. 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 Thomas Majusiak, Division 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 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