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Mr. Jay Vaughan
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
2800 Shillington Road
Reading, Pennsylvania 19608

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case Number:	99-03-037P
Community Name:	Township of Spring, Berks County, Pennsylvania
Community Number:	421108
Map Panel Number:	42011C0501
Effective Date of this Revision:	FEB 11 1999

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Dear Mr. Vaughan:

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Berks County, Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions), which includes the Township of Spring, has been revised by this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to reflect the removal of the zone designation along a portion of an unnamed tributary to Tulpehocken Creek. The subject area is located from a point just downstream of Broadcasting Road to a point just downstream of Paper Mill Road. This revision was initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on January 25, 1999.

We received the following technical data, prepared by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., in support of this revision:

- a site plan, dated February 5, 1998, Existing Conditions Plan for Broadcasting Square, at a scale of 1"=100'; and
- a site plan, dated February 5, 1998, Master Grading and Drainage Plan for Broadcasting Square, at a scale of 1"=100'.

Also, in support of this revision, we used the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute series topographic map entitled, Reading, at a scale of 1:24,000, with a contour interval of 20 feet, to examine the drainage area. We received all data necessary to process this revision by January 25, 1999.

Based on our review of the data, we are issuing this LOMR to reflect the removal of the Zone A designation (approximate 1% annual chance [100-year] floodplain), with a drainage area of 0.17 square mile, from a point just downstream of Broadcasting Road to a point just downstream of Paper Mill Road along the unnamed tributary to Tulpehocken Creek. This LOMR revises Berks County (All Jurisdictions) FIRM number 42011C0501 E, dated December 5, 1997, as shown on the enclosed digitally reproduced portion of the FIRM.

This revision is effective as of the date of this letter. Any requests to review or alter this determination should be made within 30 days and must be based on scientific or technical data.

Your community must approve all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and Commonwealth law have been obtained. Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Township of Spring has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Because of funding constraints, we must limit the number of map republications. Consequently, we will not republish the FIRM for Berks County (All Jurisdictions) to reflect this determination. However, we will incorporate this determination when we next republish FIRM number 42011C0501.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP map. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

We have enclosed a document entitled "List of Current Flood Insurance Study Data," which includes this letter, to help your community maintain all information for floodplain management and flood insurance. If any of the items in that document are not filed in your community's map repository, please contact our Regional Office at the number listed below for information on how to obtain those items.

Use the map panel listed above and revised by this letter for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued in your community.

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the Flood Insurance Study, FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at (215) 931-5512, or me at our Headquarters Office in Washington, D.C., at (202) 646-3932, or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

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Project Engineer
Hazards Study Branch
Mitigation Directorate

For: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
Hazards Study Branch
Mitigation Directorate

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Commonwealth Coordinator

MAP LEGEND

APPROXIMATE SCALE

500 0 500 FEET

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

BERKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
(ALL JURISDICTIONS)

PANEL 501 OF 678

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
BERN, TOWNSHIP OF	421050	0501	E
LOWER HEIDELBERG, TWP OF	421077	0501	E
SPRING, TOWNSHIP OF	421108	0501	E
WYOMISSING, BOROUGH OF	421375	0501	E

Notice to User: The MAP NUMBER shown below should be used when placing map orders; the COMMUNITY NUMBER shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

MAP NUMBER
42011C0501 E

EFFECTIVE DATE:
DECEMBER 5, 1997

REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR EFFECTIVE:

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LIST OF CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY DATA

This list is provided to document all information currently effective for your community for insurance and floodplain management.

Date: FEB 11 1999

Community: Township of Spring, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Community Number: 421108

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CURRENT EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY DATE: December 5, 1997

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

Index Date: December 5, 1997

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42011C0482 E, 42011C0483 E, 42011C0484 E, 42011C0487 E, 42011C0490 E, 42011C0491 E, 42011C0492 E, 42011C0493 E, 42011C0494 E, 42011C0501 E, 42011C0502 E, 42011C0503 E, 42011C0511 E, and 42011C0610 E	December 5,1997

LETTERS OF MAP REVISION

Panel Numbers	Effective Date
42011C0501 E	FEB 11 1999

LETTERS OF MAP AMENDMENT AND MAP REVISION BASED ON FILL

Panel Numbers	Effective Date
None	

BEST AVAILABLE DATA LETTERS

None