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May 09, 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Robert V. Cotton
Chairman, Board of Supervisors for the
Township of New Britain
270 Park Avenue
Chalfont, Pennsylvania 18914

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case Number:	**03-03-151P**
Community Name:	Township of New Britain, Bucks County, Pennsylvania
Community Number:	420987
Effective Date of this Revision:	**May 09, 2003**

Dear Mr. Cotton:

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community has been revised by this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Please use the enclosed annotated map panel(s) revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued in your community.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding this LOMR. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are included. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination Document. If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Michael Craghan, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division at (215) 931-5650, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our web site at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

Sincerely,

Eugene K. Gruber, P.E., Acting Director
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division

List of Enclosures:

Letter of Map Revision Determination Document
Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map
List of Current Flood Insurance Study Data

cc: Mr. Cornell Hopkins, Township of New Britain Manager
[redacted]

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LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST
COMMUNITY	Township of New Britain, Bucks County, Pennsylvania	NO PROJECT	FLOODPLAIN REMOVAL
	COMMUNITY NO.: 420987		
IDENTIFIER	1% annual chance (Zone A) floodplain revised to Zone X in order to represent existing conditions.	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 40.267, -75.229 SOURCE: PRECISION MAPPING STREETS 4.0 DATUM: NAD 83	

FLOODING SOURCE(S) & REVISED REACH(ES)	UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO WEST BRANCH NESHAMINY CREEK – from just upstream of County Line Road to a point approximately 700 feet upstream of West Butler Avenue.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Effective Flooding:	Zone A
Revised Flooding:	X (unshaded)
Increases:	NONE
Decreases:	YES

* BFEs – Base Flood Elevations

ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES	ANNOTATED FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS) ENCLOSURES
TYPE: FIRM* NO: 42017C0288F Date: May 18, 1999	NO REVISION TO THE FIS REPORT

* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map; ** FBFM - Flood Boundary and Floodway Map; *** FHBM - Flood Hazard Boundary Map

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact Michael Craghan at (215) 931-5650, or the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our web site at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

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 FIS and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/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 your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

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 maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

We have enclosed a document titled "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 the FEMA Map Assistance Center at the number listed below for information on how to obtain those items.

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

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.

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MAP LEGEND

APPROXIMATE SCALE

500 0 500 FEET

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
(ALL JURISDICTIONS)

PANEL 288 OF 532

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
CHALFONT, BOROUGH OF	420184	0288	F
NEW BRITAIN, TOWNSHIP OF	420987	0288	F

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
42017C0288 F

EFFECTIVE DATE:
MAY 18, 1999

REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR EFFECTIVE:

MAY - 9 2003

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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: May 9, 2003

Community: Township of New Britain, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Community Number: 420987

CURRENT EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY DATE:

Volume 1: April 2, 2002
Volume 2: April 2, 2002
Volume 3: May 18, 1999
Volume 4: May 18, 1999
Volume 5: May 18, 1999

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

Index Date: April 2, 2002
42017CIND1
42017CIND2

Panel Numbers	Effective Date
42017C0267 F, 42017C0277 F, 42017C0278 F, 42017C0279 F, 42017C0281 F, 42017C0282 F, 42017C0283 F, 42017C0284 F, 42017C0286 F, 42017C0287 F, 42017C0288 F, 42017C0289 F, 42017C0291 F, and 42017C0293 F	May 18, 1999

LETTERS OF MAP REVISION

Panel Numbers	Effective Date
42017C0288 F	May 9, 2003

LETTERS OF MAP AMENDMENT AND MAP REVISION BASED ON FILL

Panel Numbers	Effective Date
42017C0286 F	December 12, 2000 September 29, 2000 February 1, 2000
42017C0287 F	August 17, 2000
42017C0288 F	April 24, 2003 April 6, 2001 February 22, 2000

BEST AVAILABLE DATA LETTERS

None

REVALIDATION LETTER

Case Number	Effective Date
99-03-1044V	April 22, 1999