Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT
218-70-NS

IN REPLY REFER TO CASE NO.: 99-03-496A

Community: Borough of Somerset,
Somerset County, Pennsylvania
Community No.: 420803
Map Panel Affected: 0001 C
Map Effective Date: March 3, 1992

We reviewed a request dated January 19, 1999, for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA). All required information for this request was received on February 3, 1999. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we determined that the residential structure on the property described below would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) and is correctly shown on the current NFIP map as being located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), designated Zone AE.

Property Description:	Lot 19, South Columbia Avenue Subdivision, as described and recorded in a Warranty Deed, Volume 1364, Pages 894-897, on June 27, 1997, filed in the Somerset County Recorder's Office
Street Address:	543 South Columbia Avenue
Flooding Source:	Parsons Run

The elevation of the lowest adjacent grade to a structure (the lowest ground touching the structure) must be at or above the base flood elevation for the structure to be outside the SFHA. Because the elevation of the lowest adjacent grade to the residential structure, 2102.5 feet, is lower than the base flood elevation, 2104.4 feet, (as shown on the enclosed Flood Profile for Parsons Run, published in the Flood Insurance Study for the Borough of Somerset, Somerset County, Pennsylvania), the structure is within the SFHA. Therefore, flood insurance is required. These elevations are referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed document provides additional information about your options for obtaining a LOMA. 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