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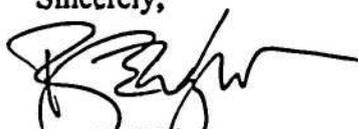
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FEMA appreciates your interest in ensuring that Washington, DC, has the most up-to-date flood hazard information possible. If you would like more information on the LOMR process, please visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-2/letter-map-revision>.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact David Bollinger, Mitigation Division Outreach Coordinator for FEMA Region III, by telephone at (215) 931-5561.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Coutts:

Thank you for your letter dated November 3, 2014, to W. Craig Fugate, Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security. You wrote regarding the completion by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, of the 17th Street Closure Structure for the Potomac Park Levee System. You requested that FEMA expedite the revision of the flood maps for the area.

The levee closure project is a positive step for flood risk reduction in Washington, DC. At this time, the levee system has not been certified as a protecting structure by the USACE or accepted by FEMA as being accredited with providing protection from the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. Modifications to the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the District of Columbia, dated September 27, 2010, to reflect the effects of the new closure structure will take place in accordance with a statutory process governed by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 65. The process requires that the USACE evaluate the entire Potomac Park Levee System and document that it provides a sufficient level of protection from the risk of flooding. The USACE is expected to begin the evaluation process in January 2015, with a projected completion date of September 2015.

While the USACE certification process is taking place, FEMA will prepare a revision to the effective FIRM to reflect the effects of the levee system. A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is the most efficient method of revising the flood hazards shown on a FIRM following the completion of a flood protection project. Upon receipt of the USACE levee evaluation, FEMA anticipates issuing a LOMR that will remove the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) designation from some areas of the community. SFHAs are the areas subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood. FEMA expects that some areas of the Federal Triangle will remain within the SFHA as a result of interior drainage flood risks.

After issuing the LOMR, FEMA will initiate a statutory 90-day appeal process. If no appeals are submitted, it is projected that the LOMR would become effective by March 2016. On the date the LOMR becomes effective, National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance premium rates can be adjusted to reflect the lower flood hazard risk in those areas outside the SFHA. A lender may still require flood insurance as a condition of the loan, but premiums are lower for structures outside the SFHA.