



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
APPEAL START

Case No.: 14-02-2566S
Community: Morris County,
New Jersey
Community No.:

Dear

On February 26, 2016, and August 22, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with revised preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Morris County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions). FEMA has posted digital copies of these revised FIRMs and FIS report materials to the following Website: <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>. The revised preliminary FIRMs and FIS reports include proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey. The proposed flood hazard information may include addition or modification of Special Flood Hazard Areas, the areas that would be inundated by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood; base flood elevations or depths; zone designations; or regulatory floodways.

We have published a notice of the proposed flood hazard determinations in the *Federal Register* and will publish a public notification concerning the appeal process (explained below) in the *Suburban Trends* on or about February 7, 2018, and February 14, 2018, and in the *Daily Record* on or about February 8, 2018, and February 15, 2018. We will also publish a separate notice of the flood hazard determinations on the "Flood Hazard Determinations on the Web" portion of the FEMA Website (<https://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe>). We have enclosed copies of the notice published in the *Federal Register* and the newspaper notice for your information.

These proposed flood hazard determinations, if finalized, will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community must adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). However, before any new or modified flood hazard information is effective for floodplain management purposes, FEMA will provide community officials and citizens an opportunity to appeal the proposed flood hazard information presented on the revised preliminary FIRMs and FIS reports posted to the above-referenced Website.

Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) is intended to ensure an equitable balancing of all interests involved in the setting of flood hazard determinations. The legislation provides for an explicit process of notification and appeals for your community and for private persons prior to this office making the flood hazard determinations final. The appeal procedure is outlined below for your information and in the enclosed document titled *Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps*.

During the 90-day appeal period following the second publication of the public notification in the above-named newspapers, any owner or lessee of real property in your community who believes his or her property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations may appeal to you, or to an agency that you publicly designate. It is important to note, however, that the sole basis for such

appeals is the possession of knowledge or information indicating that the proposed flood hazard determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect. The appeal data must be submitted to FEMA during the 90-day appeal period. Only appeals of the proposed flood hazard determinations supported by scientific or technical data can be considered before FEMA makes its final flood hazard determination at the end of the 90-day appeal period. Note that the 90-day appeal period is statutory and cannot be extended. However, FEMA also will consider comments and inquiries regarding data other than the proposed flood hazard determinations (e.g., incorrect street names, typographical errors, omissions) that are submitted during the appeal period, and will incorporate any appropriate changes to the revised FIRMs and FIS reports before they become effective.

If your community cannot submit scientific or technical data before the end of the 90-day appeal period, you may nevertheless submit data at any time. If warranted, FEMA will revise the FIRM and FIS report after the effective date. This means that the revised FIRM would be issued with the flood hazard information presently indicated, and flood insurance purchase requirements would be enforced accordingly, until such time as a revision could be made.

Any interested party who wishes to appeal should present the data that tend to negate or contradict our findings to you, or to an agency that you publicly delegate, in such form as you may specify. We ask that you review and consolidate any appeal data you may receive and issue a written opinion stating whether the evidence provided is sufficient to justify an official appeal by your community in its own name or on behalf of the interested parties. Whether or not your community decides to appeal, you must send copies of individual appeals and supporting data, if any, in one of the following ways:

- Digital submissions are recommended, handled more efficiently, and should be sent to: Robert.Schaefer@fema.dhs.gov
- For submittals sent via standard mail, please use the following below:
Attention: Robert J. Schaefer, Senior Civil Engineer
FEMA Region II Mitigation Division
26 Federal Plaza, Room 1807
New York, New York 10278
- For submittals sent via FedEx, UPS, or other overnight delivery services, please use the following below:
Attention: Robert J. Schaefer, Senior Civil Engineer
FEMA Region II Mitigation Division
1 World Trade Center
52nd Floor – Mail Room
New York, New York 10007

If we do not receive an appeal or other formal comment from your community in its own name within 90 days of the second date of public notification, we will consolidate and review on their own merits such appeal data and comments from individuals that you may forward to us, and we will make such modifications to the proposed flood hazard information presented on the revised FIRMs and in the revised FIS reports as may be appropriate. If your community decides to appeal in its own name, all individuals' appeal data must be consolidated into one appeal by you, because, in this event, we are required to deal only with the local government as representative of all local interests. We will send our final decision in writing to you, and we will send copies to the community floodplain administrator, each individual appellant, and the State NFIP Coordinator.

All appeal submittals will be resolved by consultation with officials of the local government involved, by an administrative hearing, or by submission of the conflicting data to an independent scientific body or appropriate Federal agency for advice. Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is also available to your

community in support of the appeal resolution process when conflicting scientific or technical data are submitted during the appeal period. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. An SRP is an option after FEMA and community officials have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Please refer to the enclosed "Scientific Resolution Panels" fact sheet for additional information on this resource available to your community.

FEMA will make the reports and other information used in making the final determination available for public inspection. Until the conflict of data is resolved and the revised FIRM becomes effective, flood insurance available within your community will continue to be available under the effective NFIP map, and no person shall be denied the right to purchase the applicable level of insurance at chargeable rates.

The decision by your community to appeal, or a copy of its decision not to appeal, should be filed with this office no later than 90 days following the second publication of the flood hazard determination notice in the above-named newspapers. Your community may find it appropriate to call further attention to the proposed flood hazard determinations and to the appeal procedure by using a press release or other public notice.

If warranted by substantive changes, during the appeal period we will send you revised preliminary copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report. At the end of the 90-day appeal period and following the resolution of any appeals and comments, we will send you a Letter of Final Determination, which will finalize the flood hazard information presented on the revised FIRMs and FIS reports and will establish an effective date.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed flood hazard determinations, revised FIRM panels, or revised FIS reports for your community, please call our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or e-mail the FMIX staff at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Sincerely,



Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Director
Engineering and Modeling Division
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

List of Enclosures:

Newspaper Notice
Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations *Federal Register* Notice
Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps
"Scientific Resolution Panels" Fact Sheet

cc:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Morris County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued revised preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Morris County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the revised preliminary FIRMs and/or FIS reports for Morris County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe>, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michele L. Barnard, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7353, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-2542, (301) 594-8898, barnardm@extra.niddk.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, NIDDK-KUH-Member Conflict SEP.

Date: February 7, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Xiaodu Guo, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7023, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-4719, guox@extra.niddk.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, NIDDK-KUH-Fellowship Review.

Date: February 7, 2018.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Xiaodu Guo, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 7023, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-4719, guox@extra.niddk.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 18, 2018.

David Clary,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2018-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1800]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before April 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1800, to Rick Sacbbit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472,

(202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbbit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbbit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbbit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found

online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata> and the

respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online

through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

Dated: January 9, 2018.

Roy E. Wright,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Community	Community map repository address
Essex County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)	
Project: 17-02-0794S Preliminary Date: June 30, 2017	
Borough of North Caldwell	Borough Hall, 141 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ 07006.
Borough of Roseland	Public Works Department, 300 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068.
Township of Livingston	Township Hall, Engineering Department, 357 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039.
Township of West Caldwell	Municipal Building, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006.
Morris County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)	
Project: 14-02-2566S Preliminary Dates: February 26, 2016 and August 22, 2017	
Borough of Butler	Borough Municipal Building, 1 Ace Road, Butler, NJ 07405.
Borough of Chatham	Borough Municipal Building, 54 Fairmount Avenue, Chatham, NJ 07928.
Borough of Florham Park	Borough Hall, 111 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932.
Borough of Kinnelon	Borough Municipal Building, 130 Kinnelon Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405.
Borough of Lincoln Park	Borough Building Department, 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035.
Borough of Madison	Borough Hall, Hartley Dodge Memorial Building, 50 Kings Road, Madison, NJ 07940.
Borough of Mendham	The Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ 07945.
Borough of Morris Plains	Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.
Borough of Mount Arlington	Borough Hall, 419 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, NJ 07856.
Borough of Netcong	Borough Municipal Building, 23 Maple Avenue, Netcong, NJ 07857.
Borough of Riverdale	Borough Municipal Building, 91 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ 07457.
Borough of Rockaway	Borough Municipal Building, 1 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866.
Borough of Victory Gardens	Victory Gardens Borough Municipal Building, 337 South Salem Street, Dover, NJ 07801.
Borough of Wharton	Borough Hall, 10 Robert Street, Wharton, NJ 07885.
Town of Boonton	Town Hall, 100 Washington Street, Boonton, NJ 07005.
Town of Dover	Engineering Department, 100 Princeton Avenue, Dover, NJ 07801.
Town of Morristown	Town Hall, 200 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960.
Township of Boonton	Township Municipal Building, 155 Powerville Road, Boonton Township, NJ 07005.
Township of Chatham	Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, NJ 07928.
Township of Chester	Township Building, 1 Parker Road, Chester, NJ 07930.
Township of Denville	Engineering Department, 1 Saint Mary's Place, Denville, NJ 07834.
Township of East Hanover	Township Municipal Building, Construction Department, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, NJ 07936.
Township of Hanover	Hanover Township Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981.
Township of Harding	Harding Township Municipal Building, 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, NJ 07976.
Township of Jefferson	Jefferson Township Municipal Building, 1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.
Township of Long Hill	Long Hill Township Hall, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, NJ 07933.
Township of Mendham	Mendham Township Building, 2 West Main Street, Brookside, NJ 07926.
Township of Mine Hill	Municipal Building, 10 Baker Street, Mine Hill, NJ 07803.
Township of Montville	Township Municipal Building, Engineering Department, 195 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045.
Township of Morris	Morris Township Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.
Township of Mount Olive	Mount Olive Township Hall, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, NJ 07828.

Community	Community map repository address
Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills	Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Hall, 1001 Parsippany Boulevard, Parsippany, NJ 07054.
Township of Pequannock	Pequannock Township Municipal Building, 530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444.
Township of Randolph	Township Municipal Building, 502 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, NJ 07869.
Township of Rockaway	Township Municipal Building, 65 Mount Hope Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866.
Township of Roxbury	Township of Roxbury Town Hall, 1715 Route 46, Ledgewood, NJ 07852.
Township of Washington	Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853.

Passaic County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

Project: 17-02-0805S Preliminary Date: August 30, 2017

Borough of Totowa	Municipal Complex, Clerk's Office, 537 Totowa Road at Cherba Place, Totowa, NJ 07512.
Township of Little Falls	Township Hall, 225 Main Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424.
Township of Wayne	Township Hall, Engineering Department, 475 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470.

Erie County, New York (All Jurisdictions)

Project: 17-02-0762S Preliminary Dates: February 19, 2016 and September 29, 2017

Town of Amherst	Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4350-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2018-0001]

Mississippi; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-4350-DR), dated November 22, 2017, and related determinations.

DATES: This amendment was issued January 2, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Mississippi is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of November 22, 2017.

Hancock County for Public Assistance. Stone County for emergency protective measures [Category B] under the Public Assistance program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Brock Long,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4353-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2018-0001]

California; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of California (FEMA-4353-DR), dated January 2, 2018, and related determinations.

DATES: This amendment was issued January 10, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident for this disaster has been expanded to include flooding, mudflows, and debris flows directly related to the wildfires. During the incident period, only those areas within the designated areas specifically determined by the Federal Coordinating Officer to be damaged or adversely affected as a direct result of the compromised watershed conditions and fire-generated debris caused by the