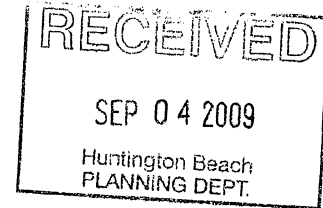


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Mr. Nadeem Majaj, Assistant Chief Engineer
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Dear Mr. Majaj:

Thank you for your letter dated August 25, 2009, to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for Orange County, California and Incorporated Areas that will be effective December 3, 2009. You expressed concern regarding the fact that major flood control improvements in the City of Huntington Beach had not been incorporated into DFIRM Panel Nos. 06059C0261, 262, 263, and 264. These improvements became effective March 30, 2009 through the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) process. As noted in your letter, residents in the area covered by this LOMR (Case No. 08-09-1428P) were no longer required to carry flood insurance as of the March 30, 2009 effective date.

Due to quality control measures that became effective with Procedure Memorandum 42, *Quality Control Requirements in the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map Production Process*, FEMA's mapping consultants are required to submit the final DFIRM database and map products at least 60 days prior to the Letter of Final Determination. The database and map products had already been finalized for the Orange County DFIRM when the mapping consultant received this LOMR and there was not sufficient time to revise them before the Procedure Memorandum 42 deadline.

FEMA will reissue this LOMR as Case No. 09-09-2810P on December 4, 2009, the day after the countywide DFIRM becomes effective, and a digital copy of the LOMR will be posted on the FEMA Map Service Center website. A copy of the reissued LOMR will be mailed to the City of Huntington Beach approximately two weeks prior to that date. As noted in my email on August 18, residents removed from the Special Flood Hazard Area by the LOMR who chose to cancel or not renew their flood policies after March 30, 2009 may still be contacted by their lenders after the new DFIRM becomes effective. Your staff and those in Huntington Beach should be informed of this situation and be ready to respond to questions with the reissued LOMR date and Case Number.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 510-627-7207 or via email at edward.curtis@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Curtis".

Edward Curtis, Senior Engineer
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