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April 2, 2021

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Case No.: 15-04-4157S

Mr. Kirk Blouin  
Town Manager, Town of Palm Beach  
P.O. Box 2029  
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Community: Town of Palm Beach,  
Palm Beach County,  
Florida  
Community No. 120220

APPEAL START

Dear Mr. Blouin:

On December 20, 2019, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with Preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Palm Beach County, Florida and Incorporated Areas. FEMA has posted digital copies of these revised FIRM and FIS report materials to the following Website: [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata). The Preliminary FIRM and FIS report include proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in the Town of Palm Beach. 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 Palm Beach Post* on or about April 9, 2021 and April 16, 2021. 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.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp)). 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 preliminary revised FIRM and FIS report 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.

During the 90-day appeal period following the second publication of the public notification in the above-named newspaper, 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 FIRM and FIS report 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, to:

Mapping Partner  
c/o Michael Taylor  
AECOM  
1360 Peachtree Street Northeast, Suite 500  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

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 FIRM and in the revised FIS report 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

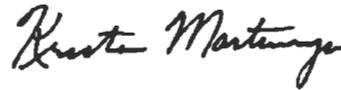
insurance available within your community will continue to be available under the effective NFIP map, and no person shall be denied the right to purchase the applicable level of insurance at chargeable rates.

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 newspaper. 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 FIRM and FIS report and will establish an effective date.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed flood hazard determinations, revised FIRM panels, or revised FIS report for your community, please call our FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) Customer Care Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or e-mail the FMIX staff at FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Kristen M. Martinenza, P.E., CFM, Chief  
Risk Analysis Branch  
FEMA Region IV

Enclosures:

Newspaper Notice

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations *Federal Register* Notice

“Scientific Resolution Panels” Fact Sheet

cc: Conn Cole, Interim State NFIP Coordinator, Florida Division of Emergency Management  
Wayne Bergman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building, Town of Palm Beach

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Palm Beach County, Florida and  
Incorporated Areas**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Palm Beach County and Incorporated Areas. 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 preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Palm Beach County and Incorporated Areas. 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.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

[1651-0019]

**Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments; extension of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and must be submitted (no later than March 26, 2021) to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice must include the OMB Control Number 1651-0019 in the subject line and the agency name. Please use the following method to submit comments:

*Email.* Submit comments to: [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov).

Due to COVID-19-related restrictions, CBP has temporarily suspended its ability to receive public comments by mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, Telephone number 202-325-0056 or via email [CBP\\_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov). Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511, (TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501

*et seq.*). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

*Title:* Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0019.

*Form Number:* CBP Form 1300.

*Current Actions:* Extension.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Abstract:* CBP Form 1300, *Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement*, is used to collect essential commercial vessel data at time of formal entrance and clearance in U.S. ports. The form allows the master to attest to the truthfulness of all CBP forms associated with the manifest package, and collects information about the vessel, cargo, purpose of entrance, certificate numbers, and expiration for various certificates. It also serves as a record of fees and tonnage tax payments in order to prevent overpayments. CBP Form 1300 was developed through agreement by the United Nations Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) in conjunction with the United States and various other countries. This form is authorized by 19 U.S.C. 1431, 1433, and 1434, and provided for by 19 CFR part 4, and accessible at <http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=1300>.

*Type of Information Collection:* CBP Form 1300 Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,624.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 72.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 188,928.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes or (.5) hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 94,464.

Dated: January 12, 2021.

**Seth D. Renkema,**

*Branch Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2021-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2102]

**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 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for

each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> 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-2102, to Rick Sacbabit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) [patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Sacbabit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) [patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:patrick.sacbabit@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](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 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](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://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> 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.")

**Michael M. Grimm,**  
Assistant Administrator for Risk Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Palm Beach County, Florida and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Project: 15-04-4157S Preliminary Date: December 20, 2019</b>	
City of Boca Raton .....	Zoning Department, 200 Northwest 2nd Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33432.
City of Boynton Beach .....	City Hall, 100 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach, FL 33435.
City of Delray Beach .....	Building Division, 100 Northwest 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444.
City of Lake Worth Beach .....	Community Sustainability Department, 1900 2nd Avenue North, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33461.
City of Palm Beach Gardens .....	Engineering Department, 10500 North Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.
City of Riviera Beach .....	Development Services, 600 West Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera Beach, FL 33404.
City of West Palm Beach .....	Building Division, 401 Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.
Town of Briny Breezes .....	Town Hall, 4802 North Ocean Boulevard, Briny Breezes, FL 33435.
Town of Gulf Stream .....	Town Hall, 100 Sea Road, Gulf Stream, FL 33483.
Town of Highland Beach .....	Building Department, 3616 South Ocean Boulevard, Highland Beach, FL 33487.
Town of Hypoluxo .....	Town Hall, 7580 South Federal Highway, Hypoluxo, FL 33462.
Town of Juno Beach .....	Building Department, 340 Ocean Drive, Juno Beach, FL 33408.
Town of Jupiter .....	Utilities Department, 210 Military Trail, Jupiter, FL 33458.
Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony .....	Building and Zoning Department, 50 Colony Road, Jupiter Inlet Colony, FL 33469.
Town of Lake Park .....	Community Development Department, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403.
Town of Lantana .....	Building Department, 504 Greynolds Circle, Lantana, FL 33462.
Town of Manalapan .....	Town Hall, 600 South Ocean Boulevard, Manalapan, FL 33462.
Town of Ocean Ridge .....	Building Department, 6450 North Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Ridge, FL 33435.
Town of Palm Beach .....	Building Division, 360 South County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Community	Community map repository address
Town of Palm Beach Shores .....	Building Department, 247 Edwards Lane, Palm Beach Shores, FL 33404.
Town of South Palm Beach .....	Building Department, 3577 South Ocean Boulevard, South Palm Beach, FL 33480.
Unincorporated Areas of Palm Beach .....	Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning and Building Department, 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411.
Village of North Palm Beach .....	Community Development Department, 420 US Highway 1, Suite 21, North Palm Beach, FL 33408.
Village of Tequesta .....	Building Department, 345 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL 33469.

**Wake County, North Carolina and Incorporated Areas  
Project: 11-04-7660S Preliminary Date: June 19, 2020**

City of Raleigh .....	Municipal Building, Engineering Department, 222 West Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.
Town of Apex .....	Engineering Department, 73 Hunter Street, Apex, NC 27502.
Town of Cary .....	Stormwater Services Division, 316 North Academy Street, Cary, NC 27513.
Town of Fuquay-Varina .....	Engineering Department, 134 North Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.
Town of Holly Springs .....	Engineering Department, 128 South Main Street, Holly Springs, NC 27540.
Town of Knightdale .....	Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC 27545.
Town of Morrisville .....	Town Hall, 100 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560.
Town of Wake Forest .....	Planning Department, 301 South Brooks Street, 3rd Floor, Wake Forest, NC 27587.
Wake County Unincorporated Areas .....	Waverly F. Akins Building, Wake County Environmental Services Department, 337 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

**Columbia County, Pennsylvania and Incorporated Areas  
Project: 15-03-0227S Preliminary Date: May 31, 2019 and August 28, 2020**

Borough of Benton .....	Borough Office, 590 Everett Street, Benton, PA 17814.
Borough of Berwick .....	City Hall, 1800 North Market Street, Berwick, PA 18603.
Borough of Briar Creek .....	Briar Creek Borough Hall, 6029 Park Road, Berwick, PA 18603.
Borough of Catawissa .....	Borough Hall, 307 Main Street, Catawissa, PA 17820.
Borough of Millville .....	Borough Office, 136 Morehead Avenue, Millville, PA 17846.
Borough of Orangeville .....	Borough Building, 301 Mill Street, Orangeville, PA 17859.
Borough of Stillwater .....	Borough Hall, 63 McHenry Street, Stillwater, PA 17878.
Town of Bloomsburg .....	Town Hall, 301 East 2nd Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of Beaver .....	Beaver Township Secretary, 650 Beaver Valley Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of Benton .....	Township Building, 236 Shickshinny Road, Benton, PA 17814.
Township of Briar Creek .....	Briar Creek Township Building, 150 Municipal Road, Berwick, PA 18603.
Township of Catawissa .....	Township Building, 153 Old Reading Road, Catawissa, PA 17820.
Township of Cleveland .....	Cleveland Township Building, 46 Jefferson Road, Elysburg, PA 17824.
Township of Conyngham .....	Conyngham Township Building, 209 Smith Street, Wilburton, PA 17888.
Township of Fishing Creek .....	Fishing Creek Township Building, 3188 State Route 487, Orangeville, PA 17859.
Township of Franklin .....	Franklin Township Building, 313 Mount Zion Road, Catawissa, PA 17820.
Township of Greenwood .....	Greenwood Township Building, 90 Shed Road, Millville, PA 17846.
Township of Hemlock .....	Hemlock Township Building, 26 Firehall Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of Jackson .....	Jackson Municipal Building, 862 Waller-Divide Road, Benton, PA 17814.
Township of Locust .....	Locust Municipal Building, 1223A Numidia Drive, Catawissa, PA 17820.
Township of Madison .....	Madison Township Office, 136 Morehead Avenue, Millville, PA 17846.
Township of Main .....	Main Township Office, 345 Church Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of Mifflin .....	Mifflin Township Building, 207 East First Street, Mifflinville, PA 18631.
Township of Montour .....	Montour Township Office, 195 Rupert Drive, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of Mount Pleasant .....	Mount Pleasant Community Center, 558 Millertown Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of North Centre .....	North Centre Township Building, 1059 State Route 93, Berwick, PA 18603.
Township of Orange .....	Orange Municipal Building, 2028 State Route 487, Orangeville, PA 17859.
Township of Pine .....	Pine Township Building, 309 Wintersteen School Road, Millville, PA 17846.
Township of Roaring Creek .....	Roaring Creek Township Secretary, 28 Brass School Road, Catawissa, PA 17820.
Township of Scott .....	Scott Municipal Building, 350 Tenny Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Community	Community map repository address
Township of South Centre .....	South Centre Municipal Building, 6260 Fourth Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.
Township of Sugarloaf .....	Sugarloaf Municipal Building, 90 Schoolhouse Road, Benton, PA 17814.

**Carbon County, Wyoming and Incorporated Areas**  
**Project: 15-08-0119S Preliminary Date: July 16, 2020**

City of Rawlins .....	Public Works Department, 915 3rd Street, Rawlins, WY 82301.
Town of Baggs .....	Town Hall, 130 Penland Street, Baggs, WY 82321.
Town of Dixon .....	Town Hall, 301 Cottonwood Street, Dixon, WY 82323.
Town of Elk Mountain .....	Town Hall, 206 Bridge Street, Elk Mountain, WY 82324.
Town of Encampment .....	Town Hall, 614 McCaffrey Avenue, Encampment, WY 82325.
Town of Hanna .....	Town Hall, 301 South Adams Street, Hanna, WY 82327.
Town of Medicine Bow .....	Town Hall, 319 Pine Street, Medicine Bow, WY 82329.
Town of Riverside .....	Town Hall, 207 West Welton Street, Riverside, WY 82325.
Town of Saratoga .....	Town Hall, 110 East Spring Street, Saratoga, WY 82331.
Town of Sinclair .....	Town Hall, 300 Lincoln Avenue, Sinclair, WY 82334.
Unincorporated Areas of Carbon County .....	Carbon County Planning and Development Department, 215 West Buffalo Street, Suite 336, Rawlins, WY 82301.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Docket ID FEMA-2021-0002]

**Final Flood Hazard Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports have been made final for the communities listed in the table below.

The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that a 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM

and FIS report are used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for buildings and the contents of those buildings.

**DATES:** The date of May 18, 2021 has been established for the FIRM and, where applicable, the supporting FIS report showing the new or modified flood hazard information for each community.

**ADDRESSES:** The FIRM, and if applicable, the FIS report containing the final flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below and will be available online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> by the date indicated above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) [patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final determinations

listed below for the new or modified flood hazard information for each community listed. Notification of these changes has been published in newspapers of local circulation and 90 days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final notice is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67. FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the new or revised FIRM and FIS report available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov>.

The flood hazard determinations are made final in the watersheds and/or communities listed in the table below.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

**Michael M. Grimm,**  
*Assistant Administrator for Risk Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Morgan County, Colorado and Incorporated Areas</b> <b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1977</b>	
City of Fort Morgan .....	Planning and Zoning Office, 110 Sherman Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701.
Unincorporated Areas of Morgan County .....	Morgan County Planning and Zoning Department, 231 Ensign Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

# SCIENTIFIC RESOLUTION PANELS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through its flood hazard mapping program, Risk MAP (Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning), identifies flood hazards, assesses flood risks, and partners with states, tribes and local communities to provide accurate flood hazard and risk data to guide them in taking effective mitigation actions. The resulting National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps provide the basis for community floodplain management regulations and flood insurance requirements.

## What is a Scientific Resolution Panel?

FEMA's Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) process reinforces FEMA's commitment to work with communities to ensure the flood hazard data depicted on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are developed collaboratively, using the best science available.

Flood hazards are constantly changing, and FEMA updates FIRMs through several methods to reflect those changes. When proposed changes to a FIRM are met with conflicting technical and/or scientific data during a regulatory appeal period, an independent third-party review of the information may be appropriate. An SRP serves as an independent third party.

The SRP process benefits both FEMA and the community:

- ▶ It offers a neutral review process by independent third parties.
- ▶ It confirms FEMA's commitment to using the best science for the purpose of accurately depicting flood hazards on flood maps.
- ▶ It provides an additional opportunity for resolving community appeals involving conflicting technical and/or scientific data.

While FEMA had previously established an SRP process, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 formally established a statutory SRP process. The *Appeal and Comment Processing Guidance for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping*, which incorporates the legislative requirements for the SRP, is available at [www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-flood-risk-analysis-and-mapping](http://www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-flood-risk-analysis-and-mapping).

## For Additional Information

For more information on appeals, see the FEMA document *Appeals, Revisions, and Amendments to National Flood Insurance Program Maps: A Guide for Community Officials* at [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/17930](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/17930)

Part 67 of the NFIP regulations, which pertains to appeals, is available at <http://www.fema.gov/guidance-documents-other-published-resources>

FEMA's Guidelines and Standards for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping webpage includes the *Appeal and Comment Processing Guidance for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping*:

[www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-flood-risk-analysis-and-mapping](http://www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-flood-risk-analysis-and-mapping)

Templates and Other Resources:

[www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/32786?id=7577](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/32786?id=7577)

## Other Important Links:

- NIBS Scientific Review Panel website: [www.floodsrp.org/](http://www.floodsrp.org/)
- Risk MAP: [www.fema.gov/risk-mapping-assessment-and-planning-risk-map](http://www.fema.gov/risk-mapping-assessment-and-planning-risk-map)
- Information on Recent and Upcoming Map Changes: [www.fema.gov/status-map-change-requests](http://www.fema.gov/status-map-change-requests)
- Flood Insurance: [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

## RISK MAPPING, ASSESSMENT, AND PLANNING PROGRAM (RISK MAP)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Risk MAP Program delivers quality data that increases public awareness and leads to action to reduce risk to life and property. Risk MAP is a nationwide program that works in collaboration with states, tribes, and local communities using best available science, rigorously vetted standards, and expert analysis to identify risk and promote mitigation action, resulting in safer, more resilient communities.

## Who Can Request an SRP?

A community, tribe, or other political entity with the authority to adopt and enforce floodplain ordinances for the area under its jurisdiction can request that FEMA use an SRP when conflicting technical and/or scientific data have been presented. For additional information, review the *Appeal and Comment Processing Guidance for Flood Risk Analysis and Mapping* at [www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-flood-risk-analysis-and-mapping](http://www.fema.gov/guidelines-and-standards-flood-risk-analysis-and-mapping).

## When Can Communities Request an SRP?

A community can request an SRP if the following requirements have been met:

- ▶ It has not yet received a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) from FEMA.
- ▶ Conflicting technical and/or scientific data, submitted during the 90-day appeal period, resulted in different flood hazards than those proposed by FEMA.
- ▶ At least 60 days of community consultation with FEMA (but no more than 120 days) have taken place.

Additionally, a community that receives a FEMA-issued resolution letter and has not previously exercised the SRP process will have 30 days from the issuance of the letter to request an SRP.

## Independent Panel Sponsor

The SRP process is managed by the National Institute for Building Sciences (NIBS), a non-profit organization independent of FEMA. NIBS will administer the SRPs, ensuring that proper guidelines and procedures are employed and maintaining a cadre of experts from which panel members are selected.

## Panel Member Selection

Five panelists are convened for each appeal brought to the SRP request. Panel members are technical experts in surface water hydrology, hydraulics, coastal engineering, and other engineering and scientific fields that relate to the creation of FIRMs and Flood Insurance Studies (FIS) throughout the United States.

Based on the technical challenges associated with each request, NIBS develops a list of potential members with relevant expertise, from its cadre of experts. NIBS also checks that those listed are available to serve, do not reside in the state from which the appeal or data were filed, and have no personal or professional interest in its findings for the flood risk project.

NIBS provides the list to the community and FEMA to select the panel members. The community selects at least the simple majority (three), and FEMA selects the remaining panel members from the short list of cadre members, based on the technical challenges of the appeal or data submittal.

## The Process

To request a review by an SRP, the community's Chief Executive Officer or designee completes an SRP Request Form and submits it to FEMA during the time periods outlined above. Once FEMA confirms that the situation and the conflicting technical and/or scientific data are eligible for an SRP, it forwards the SRP Request Form to NIBS, which will initiate the panel selection process and develop a list of potential members.

Once the panel is convened, panel members are provided with a summary of the issue, FEMA's data, and the data the community submitted during the 90-day appeal period. Panel members review the data and, on a point-by-point basis, deliberate and make a decision based on the scientific and/or technical challenges.

If the community feels it is necessary to make an oral presentation in support of its request, it must include a justification on the SRP Request Form.

## Resolution

The panel must present its written report to the community and FEMA within 90 days of being convened, and that report will be used by the FEMA Administrator for making the final determination. A panel determination must be in favor of either FEMA or the community on each distinct element of the dispute, and the panel may not offer any alternative determination as a resolution. In the case of a dispute submitted by the community on behalf of an owner or lessee of real property in the community, the panel determination must be in favor of either FEMA, the community, or the owner/lessee on each distinct element of the dispute.

If changes to the maps are recommended in the panel's determination, and FEMA elects to implement the panel's determination, FEMA will incorporate the changes into a revised Preliminary FIRM and, if appropriate, FIS report. The revised products will be available to the community for review, with a resolution letter, before FEMA issues an LFD.

Once the SRP provides its determination and FEMA issues its resolution letter to implement the recommendations, the SRP recommendations are binding on all appellants and not subject to judicial review.

If the FEMA Administrator elects not to accept the panel's findings, the Administrator will issue a written justification within 60 days of receiving the report from the SRP. Under these circumstances, the appellants maintain their right to appeal FEMA's final determination to the appropriate Federal District Court.

Figure 1: SRP Timeline

