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Community: Town of Rye,
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Community No.: 330141

Dear Mr. Buck:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a letter dated November 28, 2014 regarding the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the Town of Rye, dated April 9, 2014. You submitted scientific and/or technical data in support of an appeal of the coastal area related to Base Flood Elevations and Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries for transect TR-39, adjacent to a private residence at 2220 Ocean Boulevard, Rye NH.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is considering the request as an appeal because it satisfied the data requirements defined in Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67 of the Code of Federal Regulations and it was submitting during the 90-day appeal period.

FEMA will evaluate the issues raised in the referenced letter(s) and the submitted data. If additional data or information are required to resolve the appeal, FEMA will contact you. If warranted, FEMA will revise the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report.

Until this appeal is resolved, FEMA will not issue a Letter of Final Determination. Therefore, processing of the FIRM and FIS report for your community will be delayed.

FEMA makes Scientific Resolution Panels (SRPs) available to support 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. An SRP is an option after FEMA and a local community have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of the appeal.

If you have additional questions, please contact John Grace, Coastal Engineer, of our FEMA staff in the Boston office, either by telephone at (617) 832-4715 or by e-mail at john.grace@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard Verville, Chief
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