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Priscilla V. Jenness, Chairperson
Board of Selectmen
Town of Rye
Rye Town Hall
10 Central Road
Rye, New Hampshire 03870-2522

Re: Town of Rye, Rockingham County, New Hampshire
Community No.: 330141

Dear Ms. Jenness:

This letter serves to both revise the appeal resolution communication issued to you on November 20, 2015, a copy of which is enclosed, and to initiate the 30-day comment period associated with the issuance of revised preliminary products. The appeal findings remain as stated in the November 20, 2015 letter, and are not restated herein. The purpose of this communication is to convey the official Revised Preliminary FIRMs and FIS for Rockingham County. Please note that panel #33015C0432F has been modified from the version sent to you on November 20, 2015, to correct a mapping error that appeared offshore in the vicinity of Transect 39.

Because the mapping has been revised, your community will have a 30-day period to review the enclosed products. We strongly encourage you to thoroughly review the enclosed copy, and circulate it as widely as possible among elected officials, staff, and other individuals or organizations in the community that would have an interest in the FIRM and FIS report, so that they will also have the opportunity to review them thoroughly over the next 30 days.

Additionally, your community has the opportunity to initiate a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) if you feel that the technical issues originally raised by your appeal have not been adequately addressed by this resolution letter and that an acceptable resolution will not be feasible through the submittal of additional comments as outlined above. 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 without a mutually acceptable resolution.

It is important to note that because the Preliminary FIRM has been revised, the SRP you previously filed is no longer valid. Therefore, if you wish to proceed with the SRP review based upon this appeal resolution and the revised preliminary mapping, please resubmit the enclosed SRP Request Form to the address below within 30 days of the date of this letter.

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If we do not receive any comments or the completed SRP Request Form from your community during the 30-day review period associated with this resolution, we will finalize the FIRM and FIS report by issuing a Letter of Final Determination (LFD). The LFD will explain the adoption/compliance process and will state the date when the FIRM and FIS report will become effective.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John Grace, Coastal Engineer, FEMA Region I by telephone at (617) 832-4715 or by e-mail at john.grace@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

MARILYN HILLIARD

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Enclosures:
- DVD of revised Preliminary FIRM, revised Preliminary FIS, and SOMA
- Copy of November 20, 2015 appeal resolution letter
- SRP Request Form

cc:
- Peter Rowell, Building Inspector, Town of Rye (hard copy and DVD)
- Michael Magnant, Town Administrator, Town of Rye (w/o enclosures)
- Kim Reed, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Town of Rye (w/o enclosures)
- Frank Drake, Chair, Rye Beach Commission, Town of Rye (w/o enclosures)
- Mitchell A. Buck, PE, Woods Hole Group (w/o enclosures)
- John Grace, CFM, Coastal Engineer, FEMA Region I (hard copy and DVD)
- Jennifer Gilbert, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator, NH Office of Energy and Planning (hard copy and DVD)
- Alex Sirotek, Regional Service Center, STARR Region I (w/o enclosures)
- Fay Rubin, Project Manager, University of New Hampshire (w/o enclosures)