



# NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

## FEMA MAP COORDINATION CONTRACTOR

**AUG 2 2004**

Mr. Robert E. Sonnichson, P.E.  
President of Delta Environmental  
Services, Inc.  
81 Schoolground Road  
P.O. Box 564  
Branford, Connecticut 06405

**IN REPLY REFER TO:**

Case No.: 04-01-053P  
Community: Town of Peterborough,  
Hillsborough County,  
New Hampshire  
Community No.: 330101

316-ACK

Dear Mr. Sonnichson:

This is in response to your request dated May 27, 2004, for a Letter of Map Revision for the above-referenced community. Pertinent information about the request is listed below.

Identifier:	Contocook River, Nubanusit Brook, & Otter Brook
Flooding source:	Contocook River, Nubanusit Brook, & Otter Brook
Map panels affected:	Town of Peterborough Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 330101, panels 0002 A, 0003 A, 0004 A, 0005 A, 0007 A, 0008 A, and 0010 A, and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) number 330101, panels 0002, 0003, 0004, 0005, 0007, 0008, and 0010 all dated May 1, 1980

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) uses detailed application/certification forms for revision requests or amendments to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps. The forms provide step-by-step instructions for requesters to follow and are comprehensive, ensuring that the requesters' submissions are complete and more logically structured. Therefore, we can complete our review and respond to requesters more promptly. While completing the forms may seem burdensome, the advantages to requesters outweigh any inconvenience.

The NFIP is primarily funded by policyholders, not taxes. To minimize the financial burden on our policyholders, FEMA has established a flat processing fee for review of proposed projects and requests for revisions to published flood information and maps. Because this request is based on flood hazard information meant to improve upon that shown on the flood map and within the flood study, its processing will be exempt from fees in accordance with Paragraph 72.5(f) of the NFIP regulations.

Using the previously referenced certification forms, we have completed an inventory of the items that you submitted. The item identified below is required before we can begin a detailed review of the request.

Dewberry ❖ 8401 Arlington Boulevard ❖ Fairfax, VA 22031-4466 ❖ (703) 849-0100



Under contract with the FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, is a Map Coordination Contractor for the National Flood Insurance Program.

- FEMA must provide a statutory 90-day appeal period for all map revisions entailing Base (1% annual chance [100-year]) Flood Elevation (BFE) changes. LOMRs with decreasing flood hazards (1% annual chance water-surface elevations, floodplains, or floodways) typically are effective the day of issuance, with any needed appeal period provided afterwards. LOMRs with increasing flood hazards typically are not effective until after any required appeal period has expired and any necessary ordinance changes have been made by the community (3 to 6 months). However, a LOMR that reflects increasing flood hazards may be effective on the day of issuance if all property owners affected by these increases are notified and approve of the increases.

Your request entails increasing mapped flood hazards along portions of Contocook River, Nubanusit Brook, & Otter Brook. Therefore, the data that you submit may determine our processing of your request, as follows:

- a. If you submit notification and acceptance of the mapped increases from all affected property owners, FEMA can issue a LOMR effective the date of issuance.
- b. If you submit notification of, but not acceptance by, all property owners affected by the mapped increases, FEMA may issue a LOMR effective 3 to 6 months after the date of issuance.
- c. If you submit neither notification of nor acceptance by property owners affected by the mapped increases, FEMA can either defer the map change or revise the map through reissuance rather than by letter. Reissued maps are typically effective 9 to 12 months after issuance of a preliminary revision of the map.

If the above required item is not submitted within 90 days of the date of this letter, any subsequent request will be treated as an original submittal and will be subject to all submittal procedures.

If you are unable to meet the 90-day deadline for submittal of the required items and would like FEMA to continue processing your request, you must request an extension of the deadline. This request must be submitted to us (Dewberry) in writing and must provide (1) the reason why the data cannot be submitted within the requested timeframe, and (2) a new date for the submittal of the data. FEMA receives a very large volume of requests and cannot maintain inactive requests for an indefinite period of time.

All required data and questions concerning your request are to be directed to us at the following address:

Dewberry  
8401 Arlington Boulevard  
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

ATTENTION: Ms. Shilpa Mulik  
Federal Programs

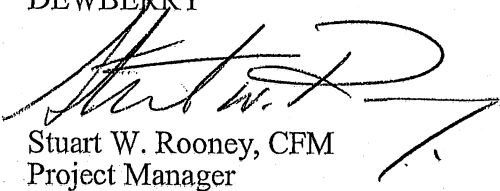
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When you write to us concerning your request, please include the case number referenced above in your letter.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). Additional information about the NFIP is available on FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip>.

Sincerely,

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Stuart W. Rooney, CFM  
Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Carol Ogilvie, Community Development Director of the Town of Peterborough  
Ms. Pam Brenner, Administrator for the Town of Peterborough  
Mr. Thomas Weeks, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Peterborough