



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

February 25, 2010

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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The Honorable Mark Conlee  
Mayor, City of Bryan  
300 S. Texas Avenue  
P.O. Box 1000  
Bryan, Texas 77803

Community: City of Bryan, Texas  
Community No.: 480082

Dear Mayor Conlee:

On August 4, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). This information makes it appropriate to modify the elevations of the flood having 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in the City of Bryan, Brazos County, Texas. Public notification by way of a Standard Newspaper Notice that the proposed modifications in Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are posted in the BFE Notice for Studies on the FEMA Website <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe> will be given in the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* on or about March 10, 2010 and March 17, 2010. The BFEs for the flooding sources are listed in the table at the end of the BFE Notice for Studies. Also, the proposed BFE determinations can be obtained by calling the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). A copy of the Standard Newspaper Notice and a copy of the Notice of Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations published in the *Federal Register*, on February 5, 2010 in Volume 75, pages 5923-5924 are enclosed for your information.

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During the 90-day appeal period following the second publication in the referenced newspaper, any owner or lessee of real property in your community who believes his or her property rights will be adversely affected by the BFE determinations may appeal to you, or to an agency that you publicly designate. You must send copies of the individual appeals to the FEMA Region as soon as you receive them. Note that the 90-day appeal period is statutory and cannot be extended or shortened for any reason. It is important to know, however, that the sole basis for the appeals is

having knowledge or information indicating that the proposed BFE determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect. However, inquiries regarding data other than the proposed BFE determinations (e.g., incorrect street names, typographical errors, omissions) will be considered as comments and not appeals. Any applicable changes will be made before the revised FIS report and FIRM become effective.

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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 as specified in Part 65 of the NFIP Regulations. If warranted, FEMA will revise the FIRM again after the effective date.

The reports and other information used for the final determination will be made available for public inspection. Until the conflict of data is resolved and the FIRM becomes effective, flood insurance available within your community shall continue to be available in accordance with the effective FIRM dated February 9, 2000.

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If you have any questions regarding the proposed BFE determinations, revised FIS report, or revised FIRM for your community, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,



Kevin C. Long, Acting Chief  
Engineering Management Branch  
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosures:

- 1) Newspaper Notice
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- 3) National Flood Insurance Program Regulations

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Paul Kaspar, P.E.  
Assistant City Engineer, City of Bryan

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The Honorable Ben White  
Mayor, City of College Station  
P.O. Box 9960  
College Station, Texas 77842

Community: City of College Station, Texas  
Community No.: 480083

Dear Mayor White:

On August 4, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). This information makes it appropriate to modify the elevations of the flood having 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in the City of College Station, Brazos County, Texas. Public notification by way of a Standard Newspaper Notice that the proposed modifications in Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are posted in the BFE Notice for Studies on the FEMA Website <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe> will be given in the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* on or about March 10, 2010 and March 17, 2010. The BFEs for the flooding sources are listed in the table at the end of the BFE Notice for Studies. Also, the proposed BFE determinations can be obtained by calling the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). A copy of the Standard Newspaper Notice and a copy of the Notice of Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations published in the *Federal Register*, on February 5, 2010 at Volume 75, pages 5923 and 5924 are enclosed for your information.

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The Honorable Randy Sims  
County Judge, Brazos County  
200 South Texas Avenue  
Suite 332  
Bryan, Texas 77803

Community: Unincorporated Areas of  
Brazos County, Texas  
Community No.: 481195

Dear Judge Sims:

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Kimberlyn Hinton  
Floodplain Administrator, Brazos County

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February 25, 2010

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The Honorable Ronnie Vitulli  
Mayor, Town of Kurten  
6828 S. FM 2038  
Kurten, TX 77862

Community: Town of Kurten, Brazos County,  
Texas  
Community No.: 480589

Dear Mayor Vitulli:

On August 4, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with Revised Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for your community. That material makes it appropriate to modify the elevations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in Brazos County, Texas. No substantial changes in the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) occurred in your community; however, you may still submit comments during the period of March 17, 2010 through June 15, 2010. This 90 day comment period will allow for comments and concerns to be addressed concerning the new DFIRM and FIS report. Please ensure that the Preliminary Maps can be viewed at your community's map repository located at the [Brazos County Road & Bridge Department, 2617 Highway 21, West, Bryan, Texas 77803](#). Please forward any comments or concerns to the following:

Frank Pagano  
Director, FEMA Mitigation Division  
800 N. Loop 288  
Denton, Texas 76209

During this 90-day comment period, any owner or lessee of real property in your community who believes his or her property rights will be adversely affected by the DFIRM determinations may comment to you, or to an agency that you publicly designate. It is important to note, however, that only inquiries regarding data other than the BFEs, e.g., incorrect street names, typographical errors, omissions, floodplain delineations, will be considered by FEMA, and any applicable changes will be made before the FIS report and DFIRM become effective.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed BFE determinations, FIS or FIRM, please contact Jack Quarles at (940) 898-5156 for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general, please call our Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin C. Long".

Kevin C. Long, Acting Chief  
Engineering Management Branch  
Mitigation Directorate

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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The Honorable Ruby Andrews  
Mayor, City of Wixon Valley  
9500 Highway 21 East  
Bryan, TX 77808

Community: City of Wixon, Brazos County,  
Texas  
Community No.: 481636

Dear Mayor Andrews:

On August 4, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with Revised Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for your community. That material makes it appropriate to modify the elevations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in Brazos County, Texas. No substantial changes in the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) occurred in your community; however, you may still submit comments during the period of March 17, 2010 through June 15, 2010. This 90 day comment period will allow for comments and concerns to be addressed concerning the new DFIRM and FIS report. Please ensure that the Preliminary Maps can be viewed at your community's map repository located at the *Brazos County Road & Bridge Department, 2617 Highway 21 West, Bryan, TX 77803*. Please forward any comments or concerns to the following:

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