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Ms. Tracie Davis
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Reference: Flood Insurance Rate Map Maintenance Meetings

Dear Ms. Davis:

This letter is to invite your community to attend the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program's (NCFMP) map maintenance scoping meetings scheduled for the week of May 27-30, the day of June 4, and the week of June 9-13, 2008. The enclosed meeting schedule provides the specific time and location during these weeks when your Floodplain Administrator, and other appropriate personnel, will have an opportunity to represent your jurisdiction's map maintenance needs to the NCFMP. Our goal is to meet with each County and all incorporated communities with the County during the scheduled times. The purpose of these meetings will be to determine new mapping needs for communities with Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that have been effective for at least 3 ½ years. This letter follows an e-mail discussing the map maintenance process and logistics of the scoping meetings that was previously forwarded to your to Floodplain Administrator.

As you are aware, North Carolina is vulnerable to hazards and consequences from hurricanes and flooding. To mitigate the potential consequences of those hazards, the State of North Carolina established the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program (NCFMP). The State of North Carolina, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Cooperating Technical Community partnership initiative, has been designated as the nation's first Cooperating Technical State (CTS), assuming primary ownership and responsibility for the FIRMs for all North Carolina communities. The foremost goals of the NCFMP are reduction of loss of life and property from flooding, and production of statewide updates of elevation data, flood studies, Flood Insurance Studies, and FIRMs.

The State of North Carolina Map Modernization Management Support Business Plan (Plan), FY 2008 - 2012, guides the NCFMP to update the FIRMs through the map maintenance process,

which consists primarily of two components: restudies and Letters of Map Change (LOMCs). In general, the map maintenance plan has a 3 ½-year cycle and consists of base map changes, flood hazard data updates, and LOMC production. Following the guidance in the Plan, the NCFMP is working to update DFIRMs in Counties that have been effective for at least 3 ½ years, specifically Brunswick, Columbus, Currituck, Duplin, Durham, Johnston, New Hanover, Onslow, Wake, and Wayne Counties.

As part of the map maintenance cycle, counties and incorporated communities within the counties listed above will be scoped to identify areas which are floodprone and need to have flood hazard data updated, and also to determine which methods will be used to generate or update hazard data. Previously identified and requested flood mapping needs from your community's previous scoping meetings that were not incorporated into the current version of the FIRMs may be requested in this round of map maintenance scoping. Some triggers indicating a possible need for a new study include new development in unmapped areas known to be floodprone, stream re-channelization, new stream crossings or recent flooding that indicates inaccuracies in the effective maps. As in the first NCFMP update to your FIRMs, revisions to the FIRMs and the flood hazard data will continue be stream-based rather than on a community or county level. The NCFMP Restudy Manual outlines the methods by which streams will be scoped during map maintenance, how base maps and topographic information will be acquired, engineering methods by which each flooding source reach will be studied, and the process for completing map maintenance production. For additional information please contact your County Floodplain Administrator or to view the NCFMP Restudy Manual, please visit our website at (http://www.ncfloodmaps.com/pubdocs/ncfmp_restudy_manual_final_9-12-06.pdf).

Our team looks forward to working with you and your community to provide updated flood hazard mapping and information on floodplain management. Please contact Randy Mundt, Outreach Coordinator, at 919-715-5711, ext. 119, if you have questions. Thank you for your participation in this important program.

Sincerely,



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**NC Floodplain Mapping Program
2008 Map Maintenance Scoping Meetings
2nd Five (of Ten) Counties**

Monday, June 9th with Onslow County (7 jurisdictions)
@ Onslow County Building, 118 Old Bridge Street, Jacksonville

10:00 am Chadwick Acres, Onslow County, Holly Ridge, Jacksonville, North Topsail Beach, Richlands, Swansboro

Tuesday, June 10th with Duplin County (11 jurisdictions)
@ Duplin County Commons Auditorium, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville

10:00 am Beulaville, Calypso, Duplin County, Faison, Greenevers, Harrells, Kenansville,

1:00 pm Magnolia, Rose Hill, Teachey, Wallace, Warsaw

Wednesday, June 11th with New Hanover County (5 jurisdictions)
@ New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive, HR Training Room A, Wilmington

10:00 am Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach

Thursday, June 12th with Brunswick County (20 jurisdictions)
@ Brunswick Community College, College Road at Highway 17, Supply NC

9:00 am Bald Head Isle, Belville, Boiling Springs Lake, Bolivia, Brunswick County, Calabash, Carolina Shores, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Leland,

1:00 pm Navassa, Northwest, Oak Island, Ocean Isle Beach, Sandy Creek, Shallotte, Southport, St James, Sunset Beach, Varnumtown

Friday, June 13th with Columbus County (10 jurisdictions)
@ Columbus County Commissioners' Meeting Room, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville

9:00 am Boardman, Bolton, Brunswick, Cerro Gordo, Chadbourn, Columbus County, Fair Bluff, Sandyfield, Tabor City, Whiteville