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Mr. Hugh Floyd
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IN REPLY REFER TO CASE NO.: 17-06-3979A
Community: City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo
County, New Mexico
Community No.: 350002
Map Panel No.: 35001C0137H
Effective Date: August 16, 2012
218-I

RE: North Albuquerque Acres, Tract 2, Unit 3, Block 4, Lots 1A & 1B – 7010 Alameda Boulevard NE

Dear Mr. Floyd:

This is in reference to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issue a Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F) for the property referenced above in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.

After reviewing the information submitted with the request and the effective NFIP map for the referenced community, FEMA has determined that the property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) designated Zone A without established base (100-year) flood elevations.

Our review of this request is, in accordance with NFIP regulations, limited to the effective NFIP map. The submitted data indicates that the local flooding has been redirected or eliminated. The MT-1 procedure requested cannot revise a flooding source and eliminate SFHAs.

Because physical alterations to the effective SFHA have occurred in addition to the placement of fill, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) under the MT-2 Revisions process is appropriate in order to determine the effects of the changes and revise the effective NFIP map and Flood Insurance Study. For more information refer to 44 CFR 65.6 of the NFIP regulations. Under 44 CFR 65.5 of the NFIP Regulations, the MT-1 process can only evaluate the placement of fill to elevate parcels of land or structures to or above the current effective mapped base flood elevation to gain exclusion from the SFHA designation; therefore, a review of the required technical data is not available under the MT-1 procedure requested.

Please note that FEMA requires a LOMR request to be submitted by the community within six months following the completion of improvements within a SFHA. This allows FEMA to review the changes and reflect them on the NFIP map. It is the responsibility of the community, as a participant in the NFIP, to regulate development and improvements within the SFHA and to inform FEMA of any changes within the SFHA that may affect flooding. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in inaccurate delineations of flood hazards and consequently inaccurate assessments of flood risk for property owners. For more information refer to 44 CFR 65.3 of the NFIP regulations.

Further defined under the provisions of Part 65.5 and 70 of the NFIP regulations, the MT-1 process is an administrative procedure whereby an owner or lessee of a property who believes their property has been inadvertently included within the SFHA has the right to submit scientific or technical data based off of natural conditions or if permitted by the Community, the placement of engineered earthen fill (excluding

V zones and floodway) to elevate a structure or parcel of land to gain exclusion from the SFHA. The necessity for the MT-1 procedure is due in part to the limitations of scale and/or technical difficulty accurately delineating the curvilinear line on the effective NFIP map. Determinations issued under the MT-1 procedures are based solely on a comparison of the established base flood elevation and the structure or property elevations. A review of other technical data or information to be considered as a basis for removing property from the SFHA is not available under the MT-1 procedure requested.

When physical changes have occurred that may affect flooding, a community or a citizen may apply for a revision to the floodplain boundaries shown on the NFIP map under the provisions of Part 65 of the NFIP regulations. Part 65 describes the map revision procedures and the requirement for supporting technical data. Please note that all requests for map revisions must be submitted through the community, and that it is the responsibility of the community to furnish to FEMA the data reflecting the nature and effects of the changes.

You may obtain a copy of the required application/certification forms for a map revision request from FEMA's website by accessing the MT-2 packet at <https://www.fema.gov/mt-2-application-forms-and-instructions>. Included in the packet are instructions that explain how to fill out the forms and where to submit them. Upon receipt of the appropriate technical data, completed forms and fee, we will review the request and, if warranted, revise the map.

If you apply for a map revision and a fee has been submitted for the case number listed above, it will be transferred and applied to your new request. Please be sure to reference the case number listed above in your new request. If however, you do not wish to apply for a map revision and would like the fees refunded, please submit a written request, including the case number listed above, to the address mentioned below.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22304-6426.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

cc: Mr. James D Hughes, P.E., Floodplain Administrator, City of Albuquerque