



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

August 15, 2012

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Case No.: 11-06-3082P

The Honorable Richard J. Berry  
City of Albuquerque  
P.O.Box 1293  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Community: City of Albuquerque, NM  
Community No.: 350002  
FIRM Panel No.: 35001C0367G  
FIRM Effective Date: September 26, 2008

Dear Mayor Berry:

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) received a request on May 27, 2011, from Mr. Gregory Krenik, P.E. of Mark Goodwin and Associates, Inc., for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). The LOMR request involves a bridge and placement of fill in the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain and regulatory floodway of the Tijeras Arroyo, which was constructed after the last effective Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community was completed. Using the submitted hydraulic analysis and topographic work map, we determined that the existing Juan Tabo bridge and placement of fill constitutes an encroachment into the regulatory floodway of the Tijeras Arroyo and has caused increases in the Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs). All data for this request were received on May 18, 2012.

Area of Revision:

From approximately 6,360 feet downstream  
of Juan Tabo Boulevard to approximately  
1,150 feet upstream of Juan Tabo Boulevard

Project Identifier:

Juan Tabo Hills

Flooding Source:

Tijeras Arroyo

A review of the information submitted for the above-referenced LOMR case revealed that the BFEs along Tijeras Arroyo increased by more than 0.00 foot as a result of the construction of the Juan Tabo bridge and fill. Because the BFEs increased as a result of project activity in the regulatory floodway, your community is potentially in violation of Subparagraph 60.3(d)(3) of the NFIP regulations. Subparagraph 60.3(d)(3) prohibits "encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community" during the base flood.

We have notified our Regional VI Office in Denton, Texas, of this potential violation. Revisions to flood zone designations and BFEs must be coordinated by community officials and submitted to the appropriate Regional Office of FEMA for review and approval. Your community should contact Frank Pagano, Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region VI Office by telephone at (940) 898-5127 for guidance on the specific actions required to resolve this issue. We will not

continue to process this request until this matter is resolved with our Regional Office.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Stuart W. Rooney, Program Specialist, in Washington D.C., by telephone at (202) 646-1643.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Mr. Frank Pagano  
Mitigation Division Director, FEMA Region VI

Mr. Bill Borthwick, CFM  
State NFIP Coordinator  
New Mexico Office of Emergency Management

Mr. Curtis Churne, Floodplain Administrator  
City of Albuquerque

Mr. Gregory J. Krenik, P.E.  
Mark Goodwin and Associates

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