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Community: Township of Perkins,  
Sagadahoc County, Maine  
Community No.: 230631  
Map Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Dear Ms. Beyer:

This is to formally notify you of the final flood elevation determination for the Township of Perkins, Sagadahoc County, Maine, in compliance with Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67, Section 67.11, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This section requires that notice of final flood elevations shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the community, all individual appellants, and the state coordinating agency, and shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

On January 31, 2014 and June 6, 2014, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided you with Preliminary copies of the FIS and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that identify the existing flood hazards in your community including elevations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). The proposed flood hazard determinations (FHDs) for your community were published in *The Times Record* on July 30, 2014 and August 6, 2014, and in the *Federal Register*, at Part 67, Volume 79, Page 38933, on July 9, 2014.

The statutory 90-day appeal period, which was initiated on the second newspaper publication date cited above, has ended. FEMA did not receive any appeals of the proposed FHDs during that time. Accordingly, the FHDs for your community are considered final. The final rule for FHDs will be published in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The FIS report and FIRM for your community will become effective on July 16, 2015. Before the effective date, FEMA will send you final printed copies of the FIS and FIRM.

The FIRM and FIS report for your community have been prepared in our countywide format, which means that flood hazard information for Sagadahoc County (All Jurisdictions) has been combined into one FIRM and FIS report. When the FIRM and FIS report are printed and distributed, your community will receive only those panels that present flood hazard information for your community. We will provide complete sets of the FIRM panels to county officials, where they will be available for review by your community.

The FIRM panels have been computer-generated. Once the FIRM and FIS report are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided to your community for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other

thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files or paper copies of the FIRM panels may be obtained by calling our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627). In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.

Because the FIS report establishing the BFEs for your community has been completed, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter. Prior to July 16, 2015, your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations (44 CFR 59, etc.) by the effective date of the FIRM. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

It must be emphasized that all the standards specified in Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document. This includes adoption of the effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply. Some of the standards should already have been enacted by your community in order to establish initial eligibility in the NFIP. Your community can meet any additional requirements by taking one of the following actions:

1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d);
2. Adopting all the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or
3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d).

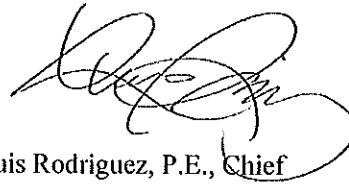
Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the 1973 Act as amended.

In addition to your community using the FIRM and FIS report to manage development in the floodplain, FEMA will use the FIRM and FIS report to establish appropriate flood insurance rates. On the effective date of the FIRM, actuarial rates for flood insurance will be charged for all new structures and substantial improvements to existing structures located in the identified Special Flood Hazard Areas, the areas subject to inundation by the base flood. These rates may be higher if structures are not built in compliance with the floodplain management standards of the NFIP. The actuarial flood insurance rates increase as the lowest elevations (including basement) of new structures decrease in relation to the BFEs established for your community. This is an important consideration for new construction because building at a higher elevation can greatly reduce the cost of flood insurance. Also, on the effective date of the FIRM for your community, additional "second-layer" coverage will become available. First-layer coverage on existing structures built prior to the effective date of the FIRM will continue to be available at subsidized rates (unless substantial improvements are made); it will also be available at actuarial rates and can be purchased at whichever rate is lower.

If your community is encountering difficulties in enacting the necessary floodplain management measures, we urge you to call the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division of FEMA, Region I, in Boston, Massachusetts, at (617) 956-7506 for assistance. Additional information and resources your community

may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations*, *Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program*, *Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data*, *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effects that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures*, and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions*, can be found on our website at <http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/lfd>. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,



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