



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to your letters dated September 9, 2000, and November 8, 2000, in which you requested, under the Freedom of Information Act copies of documents produced or acquired since January 1, 1995, concerning or relating to modifications or changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), flood elevations, and floodway determinations for Richland and Lexington Counties, South Carolina, and the incorporated areas therein.

In response to your request, we have provided copies of formal correspondence from the case files for the aforementioned restudies. This correspondence has been provided free of charge; however, FEMA may charge a fee for data retrieval and duplication on future requests.

Technical data supporting the September 26, 2000, revised preliminary FIRMs for Richland and Lexington Counties has been distributed to the public and is available through FEMA's Internet website. This information can be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/ST_cong.htm.

Please note that names and personal identifiers in the enclosed materials have been blocked out pursuant to U.S.C. 552(b)(6) because release of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you consider this decision to block out the names and personal identifiers to constitute a partial denial of your request, you may appeal such denial in writing within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. Your appeal should be sent to the following address:

Federal Emergency Management Agency
FOIA Appeals Officer
500 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Your appeal should include why you believe names and personal identifiers should be released to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Doug Bellomo, P.E., of our Headquarters staff in Washington, D.C., at (202) 646-2903 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew B. Miller".

Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
Hazards Study Branch
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosures