



FEMA

January 3, 2020

The Honorable John Haila, Mayor
City of Ames
515 Clark Avenue
P.O. Box 811
Ames, Iowa 50010

IN REPLY, REFER TO: APPEAL ACK

Dear Mayor Haila:

This letter acknowledges receipt of an email dated December 17, 2019, containing a letter from Justin Moore, Floodplain Administrator/Planner, regarding the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the City of Ames, dated November 15, 2018. Mr. Moore submitted scientific and/or technical data in support of an appeal regarding the proposed Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary for Ada Hayden Lake.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is considering Mr. Moore's request as an appeal because it satisfied the data requirements defined in Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and it was submitted during the 90-day appeal period.

FEMA will evaluate the issues raised in the letter and the submitted data. If additional data or information are required to resolve the appeal, FEMA will contact Mr. Moore and the City of Ames. If warranted, FEMA will revise the preliminary FIRM and FIS report and send revised copies to you for review.

Until this appeal is resolved, FEMA will not issue a Letter of Final Determination. Therefore, processing of the FIRM and FIS report for your community will be delayed.

FEMA makes Scientific Resolution Panels (SRPs) available to support the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. An SRP is an option after FEMA and a local community have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of the appeal. Please refer to the enclosed "Scientific Resolution Panels" overview for further information.

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If you have additional questions, please contact Dane Bailey of my staff at (816) 283-7013 or Dane.Bailey@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Scientific Resolution Panels fact sheet

cc: Justin Moore, City Planner, City of Ames
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