Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

JUN 26 2001

Mr. Bruce E. Rucker
Lexington County Council Chairman
212 South Lake Drive
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Dear Mr. Rucker:

As part of our continued effort to resolve appeals through consultation with local governments, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has decided to provide one last opportunity for the appellants to present the scientific and engineering basis for their appeals of the Flood Insurance Rate Map for Richland and Lexington Counties, South Carolina, proposed on September 26, 2000. Michael D. Brown, FEMA's General Counsel, will mediate the process, which is expected to be resolved in approximately 30 days.

While it is important that we bring the mapping process to a close, it is equally important that we be confident in the science and engineering data employed, and that the process leading up to our final determination be fair and equitable. This final opportunity is provided in recognition of the complexity of the technical issues, the impact of FEMA's decision on future development, and to ensure that all available scientific and engineering data are considered in FEMA's final decision.

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Sincerely,

Robert F. Shea
Acting Administrator, Federal Insurance
Administration and Mitigation

Federal Emergency Management Agency

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Ms. Kit Smith
Richland County Council Chairperson
2020 Hampton Street
P.O. Box 192
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Ms. Smith:

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The Honorable Robert D. Coble
Mayor of the City of Columbia
1737 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mayor Coble:

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The Honorable Avery B. Wilkerson, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Cayce
1800 12th Street
P.O. Box 2004
Cayce, South Carolina 29171

Dear Mayor Wilkerson:

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JUN 26 2001

The Honorable Wyman M. Rish
Mayor of the City of West Columbia
1053 Center Street
P.O. Box 4044
West Columbia, South Carolina 29171-4044

Dear Mayor Rish:

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