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May 2, 2023

The Honorable Randal Schultz, Chairperson Village of Loch Lloyd 16610 Eden Bridge Village of Loch Lloyd, Missouri 64012

Re: 30-Day Data Submission Notification

Dear Chairperson Schultz:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently validating the draft Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) database for Cass County, Missouri, including flood risk information for the Village of Loch Lloyd. Completing this draft database is a significant milestone for the flood risk project, as it concludes the collection and analysis of the project's initial engineering data. These data, developed by FEMA using the contract support of its mapping partner, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and SEMA's consultant, WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure Inc., provide the best available calculation of where water will collect and flow in the event of a flood, based on current conditions.

The engineering data will form the basis for mapping the proposed Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) on the FIRM for the Village of Loch Lloyd in the areas being revised. An SFHA is an area that is subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood (also called the base flood). Over time, water flow and drainage patterns in your area may have changed dramatically due to surface erosion, land use, and other forces. These factors may have increased or decreased the likelihood of flooding in certain areas, which would result in changing SFHA boundaries and types.

FEMA has developed draft flood hazard information for the Village of Loch Lloyd, Missouri, which is available for review on SEMA's online mapping platform: <a href="http://bit.ly/MOSEMAOutreach">http://bit.ly/MOSEMAOutreach</a>. If your community is interested in reviewing other contributing data, please speak to Sydney Roberts, SEMA's floodplain engineering and mapping section manager, or FEMA's project officer, Andy Megrail of my staff, as soon as possible. We encourage you to circulate this data as widely as possible among elected officials, staff, and other potentially interested individuals or organizations in the community, to allow them to thoroughly review the database before the formal community coordination meeting. However, please note that this data is considered draft/provisional and is subject to change, as it has not yet been through final review or an appeal period.

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Your community has 30 days to review the draft FIRM database and provide additional data to supplement or modify it. Any data you provide must be consistent with prevailing engineering principles. Please send any data or comments on the draft FIRM database to Sydney Roberts of SEMA by email at <a href="mailto:sydney.roberts@sema.dps.mo.gov">sydney.roberts@sema.dps.mo.gov</a> or by postal mail at 2302 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. We would also appreciate it if you would provide us with contact information, including email addresses, for any community officials, staff members or stakeholders who you believe would benefit from receiving updates and information about this project. Your community will have several additional opportunities to comment on and provide feedback about the resulting SFHAs and other flood hazard information before the data are finalized.

FEMA wants to use the most up-to-date and accurate technical data to develop flood risk products for your community. We rely on your feedback, partnership, and knowledge during this important project to determine the extent of flood risk in your community, in support of your efforts to reduce those risks. We also look forward to working with community officials and other stakeholders in the Village of Loch Lloyd to increase flood risk awareness and reduce the risk to life and property from flooding. Your initial feedback will not affect your community's ability to provide feedback later, or to formally appeal the flood hazard information during a future appeal period.

Please direct comments or questions about this project to SEMA's floodplain engineering and mapping section manager, Sydney Roberts, at <a href="mailto:sydney.roberts@sema.dps.mo.gov">sydney.roberts@sema.dps.mo.gov</a> or (573) 526-9383, or FEMA's project officer, Andy Megrail of my staff, at <a href="mailto:andv.megrail@fema.dhs.gov">andv.megrail@fema.dhs.gov</a> or (816) 283-7982.

Sincerely,

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