



FEMA

January 11, 2008

Mr. George S. Hawkins, Esquire
Director
Government of the District of Columbia
District Department of the Environment
51 N. Street NE-6TH Floor
Washington, D. C. 2002

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

RE: Request for Postponement of District of Columbia Letter of Final Determination

FEMA Region III has received your letter requesting a postponement of the Letter of Final Determination (LFD) for the District of Columbia Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). We understand your interest in having additional time to comment on the map and study as well as coordinate issues regarding levees.

As a result of your request, we now plan to issue the LFD on March 26, 2008. This provides 83 days from January 4, 2008, the day following the end of the 90-day appeal period. This will allow the District's FIRM to become effective before the end of the Federal fiscal year and allow FEMA to meet our national Map Modernization goals reported to Congress.

Region III is happy to provide you with assistance and information for any outreach or coordination that you pursue. We will gladly evaluate and respond to any comments that the District receives during this period.

Please feel free to contact Jon Janowicz of my staff with any question by phone at 215-931-5524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Gruber".

for Gene Gruber
Division Director
Mitigation Division

CC: Roy Wright, FEMA
Patrice White NFIP Coordinator