



**FEMA**

April 30, 2020

The Honorable Rawley McCoy  
Mayor, City of Victoria  
105 West Juan Linn Street  
Victoria, TX 77901

RE: Update on Flood Insurance Study for City of Victoria, Victoria County, Texas Community  
No. 480638

Dear Mayor McCoy:

On November 19, 2010, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided your community with preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for Victoria County, Texas and incorporated areas. Since that release, FEMA Region 6 has determined that revisions to FIRM panels within the Unincorporated Areas of Victoria County and the FIS Report are required. A Revised Preliminary edition of the study was released on April 30, 2020 and reflects changes to the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) and Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) at the Victoria Barge Canal Levee, incorporating a floodplain based on Natural Valley conditions. There is also updated coastal mapping information along the border with Jackson County.

Please note, no new flood hazard information for City of Victoria has been presented in the Revised Preliminary FIRM panels and FIS Report released on April 30, 2020. Although your community is unaffected by the updated flood hazard information presented in the Revised Preliminary FIRM and FIS Report, we wanted to inform your community of upcoming activity requiring your community's involvement. On November 19, 2010, hard copies of the Preliminary FIRM and FIS Reports were issued to your community. If your community requires an additional hard copy, please contact Larry Voice of the FEMA Regional Office. Alternatively, FEMA has multiple ways in which your community can download and interact with all the data issued for the City of Victoria and the Unincorporated Areas of Victoria County.

On April 30, 2020, FEMA posts digital copies of the Revised Preliminary FIRM, FIS Report materials, and supporting database on the Flood Map Service Center. This data, as well as the Preliminary data for the City of Victoria, may be reviewed at <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>. This webpage contains a number of frequently asked questions pertaining to Preliminary Flood Hazard Data. If you click on the question, "Where Can I Access Preliminary Data," there is a link "Preliminary Data Search Tool" where you will be connected to the Preliminary FEMA Map Products page. On this page you may select your state and county from the drop-down menus to access the current Preliminary and Revised Preliminary FIRM, FIS Report materials, and supporting database.

Digital Flood Hazard Data is now also available for viewing on the Flood Map Changes Viewer (FMCV) at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>. The FMCV is a single interactive viewer that allows the user to access flood hazard data at several points along the study process. Flood risk data for your community available on the viewer includes the preliminary National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL). To review the preliminary data, the preliminary NFHL will provide a view of the updated flood hazard data resulting from the current study.

In approximately 30 days, we will contact you to schedule a formal Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) Meeting for discussion regarding the City of Victoria's flood hazard information, ordinance adoption, and other frequently asked questions and concerns. In the meantime, we encourage you to download the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report for your community and encourage the download of materials as widely as possible among elected officials, staff, and other individuals or organizations in the community that would have an interest in the Preliminary FIRM and FIS Report so that they will have the opportunity to review them thoroughly before the CCO Meeting.

To assist you in this effort, we have listed the contact information of representatives who can answer your questions and respond to any concerns your community may have:

- Mapping – Larry Voice, [larry.voice@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:larry.voice@fema.dhs.gov), (940) 898-5419
- Compliance – Michael Segner, [michael.segner@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:michael.segner@fema.dhs.gov), (940) 383-7267
- Insurance – Gilbert Giron, Jr., [gilbert.giron@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:gilbert.giron@fema.dhs.gov), (940) 383-7253

After the CCO Meeting, we will initiate a statutory 90-day appeal period for all communities within Victoria County. A statutory 90-day appeal period is required when FEMA adds or modifies Base (one-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Areas, flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways within a community, as shown on the Preliminary FIRM. Please note, the City of Victoria will receive an appeal period as the initial Preliminary FIRM and FIS Report were released approximately 10 years ago without an appeal period. You will be sent a letter approximately two weeks before the start of the 90-day appeal period to detail the appeal process. The letter will forward information regarding notifications to be published in the *Federal Register* and local newspaper(s) and will provide the first and second publication dates. The appeal period will start on the second publication date in the local newspaper.

After the appeal period has ended and we have addressed all comments/appeals, we will initiate final preparation of the FIRM and FIS Report. The new FIRM and FIS Report for your community will become effective approximately seven to ten months later. Please note, your current effective mapping will continue to be used to rate insurance policies until the revised information is issued effective.

Prior to the effective date, you will be notified in writing of the official FIRM and FIS Report effective date and asked to adopt floodplain ordinances or modify existing ordinances, as necessary, that correspond with the new FIRM or FIS Report. If you or other community

officials have any questions regarding floodplain ordinances, you may address them with our FEMA Regional Office or you may discuss those issues with your National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinator. Several months before the effective date, we will mail one set of printed, and one set of digital copies of the finalized FIRM and FIS Report.

We reviewed our records to determine if any previous Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment, Letters of Map Revision [LOMRs]) for your community will be superseded when the FIRM becomes effective. According to our records, no LOMCs have been issued for your community on the panels associated with this map revision prior to the cutoff before preliminary issuance.

Your community should be aware that recently approved LOMCs, specifically LOMRs, may have been issued for your community. The LOMR process is dynamic and FEMA is reviewing LOMR applications regularly. To complete production of the Preliminary and Revised Preliminary FIRM, which includes incorporating the effects of *mappable* LOMRs issued since the last map effective date, a specific cutoff was established. FEMA will address any approved LOMRs issued after the cutoff date when the final Summary of Map Actions is distributed. If your community has concerns regarding a specific case, please submit the LOMR case number, as well as any appropriate documentation, to our FEMA Regional Office before the end of the comment or appeal period.

LOMRs that are valid have been incorporated into the April 30, 2020, Revised Preliminary database available from the Flood Map Service Center. These LOMRs will be incorporated into the City of Victoria FIRM panels and FIS Report prior to the issuance of the finalized FIRMs and FIS Report. Your community may download the Revised Preliminary database to review all LOMRs that will be reflected on the finalized FIRMs and FIS Report.

Your community's comments are an important part of our review process and will be carefully considered before we publish the FIRM in its final form. If you are interested in discussing the enclosed materials, the FEMA Regional Office in Denton, Texas is available to assist your community at (940) 898-5127.

Sincerely,



Sandra Keefe  
Mitigation Division Director

cc: Ken Gill, City Engineer, City of Victoria  
Yi Chan, NFIP State Coordinator, Texas Water Development Board (CD/DVD only)  
Reddy Mudumalagurthy, Compass Region 6 Regional Director, RSC 6 (electronic copy)

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bcc: Lisa Jennings, Senior Natural Hazards Program Specialist, FEMA Region 6  
Larry Voice, FEMA Region 6 (*E-mail digital copies of Preliminary letters/Preliminary SOMAs when mailed out*)

Michael Segner, FEMA Region 6 (*E-mail digital copies of Preliminary letters/Preliminary SOMAs when mailed out*)

Diane Howe, Risk MAP Program Lead, FEMA Region 6 (*E-mail digital copies of Preliminary letters/Preliminary SOMAs when mailed out*)

Rachel Mollenhoff, Compass Region 6 (*E-mail digital copies of Preliminary letters/Preliminary SOMAs when mailed out*) [rachel.mollenhoff@aecom.com](mailto:rachel.mollenhoff@aecom.com)

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**\*\*Also send Victoria copies of the tracking numbers for all packages being sent to FEMA Region 6 in a separate email.**

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