Dear Mayor Riordan:

This is in response to a request for a revision to the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map for your community. Specifically, this responds to a letter dated December 7, 1993, from Mr. Philip L. Richardson, Division Engineer, Stormwater Management Division, Department of Public Works, City of Los Angeles, regarding the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Richardson requested that we revise the effective FIRM to show the effects of placement of fill in a gravel pit located within the area bounded by the Southern Pacific Railroad, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Saticoy Avenue, and the Hollywood Freeway. All of the data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with his December 7 letter.

Because this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) shows the effects of a publicly sponsored flood-control project that reduces flooding to existing development, fees were not assessed for the review.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM, and have revised the FIRM to remove the floodplain delineation of a flood having a 1-percent probability of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) in the gravel pit described above. As a result of this revision, the Zone A designation of the area is changed to Zone C.

The modification is shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel 060137 0030 C. This LOMR hereby revises this panel of the effective FIRM dated December 2, 1980.

The revisions are effective as of the date of this letter; however, a review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.
Due to present funding constraints, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must limit the number of physical map revisions processed. Consequently, we will not republish the FIRM for the the City of Los Angeles, California, to reflect the determination of this LOMR at this time. However, when changes to FIRM Panel 060137 0030 C for your community warrant a physical revision and republication in the future, the determination in this LOMR will be incorporated at that time.

This response to your request is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all proposed floodplain developments, including this request, and for ensuring that necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. With knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, State and community officials may set higher standards for construction, or may limit development in floodplain areas. If the State of California or the City of Los Angeles has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR widely throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to give consideration to preparing an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance your community will give in providing the data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

The map as listed above and as revised by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM report to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this LOMR.
Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Division Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7176, or Mr. John Magnotti of our staff in Washington, DC, either by telephone at (202) 646-3932 or by facsimile at (202) 646-3445.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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