

WHAT DO I DO WHEN FEMA ISSUES A REVISION TO A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA) WHICH AFFECTS MY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED LETTER OF MAP CORRECTION (LOMC)?

FEMA has established administrative procedures for changing effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports based on new or revised scientific or technical data. There are times when FEMA issues a LOMC in the form of a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F), or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to change a FIRM or FIS report. Unfortunately FEMA will at times issue a LOMC which takes precedence over previously issued ones. When this occurs, a home that was not in a SFHA or previously removed from a SFHA, may be placed in a SFHA and flood insurance will be required, unless FEMA issues a Revalidation Letter of the original LOMC for that home. FEMA does not always automatically issue a Revalidation Letter which may result in the question an affected home owner asking, "What do I do when FEMA issues a revision to a SFHA which affects my previously issued LOMC?" The answer provided to the Town of Collierville to this question by a FEMA Flood Map Specialist is that the home owner needs to request a reissuance of their original LOMC. The process for making this request is found below.

HOW DO I REQUEST REISSUANCE OF MY ORIGINAL LOMC?

To request the reissuance of a LOMC, the home owner needs to submit a cover letter to FEMA requesting reissuance of their LOMC. In the cover letter, the home owner should include the following:

Date of Request
Home Owner Name
Address of Home
Subdivision Name and Lot Number
Original LOMC Case Number (including any information on previous Revalidation Letters)
Written Explanation of the Request
Signature of Home Owner

A copy of the original LOMC and any Revalidation Letters should be included the package sent to FEMA.

The request for reissuance should be sent to the following:

LOMC Clearinghouse
6730 Santa Barbara Court
Elkridge, MD 21075
Attn: LOMC Manager

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For additional questions about FIRMs, the LOMC, flood mapping procedures, or the map revision process, call 1-877-336-2627, toll free and ask for a "FEMA Flood Map Specialist."