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August 21, 2018

The Honorable Richard Kucharski
Council President, Borough of Throop
10 Hulse Street
Throop, Pennsylvania 18512

Community: Borough of Throop,
Lackawanna County,
Pennsylvania
Community No.: 420540

Dear Mr. Kucharski:

This letter acknowledges receipt of correspondence dated July 23, 2018, from Louis Cimini, Esq., Solicitor/Borough Manager, Borough of Throop, regarding the revised preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report dated August 31, 2017. The Borough of Throop submitted data and information as noted below for Lackawanna River and Eddy Creek related to Base Flood Elevations, Special Flood Hazard Area Boundaries, and Levee Certification.

The data and information submitted include:

- Requests for clarification and comments on the 2017 Preliminary Flood Insurance Study for Lackawanna County, PA
- A revised hydrologic analysis for Eddy Creek using USGS StreamStats and applying modifications due to loss of flow from prior mining activities in the watershed
- HEC-RAS input and output data on PDFs resulting from a revision to FEMA's preliminary Zone A hydraulics model for Eddy Creek to utilize the revised hydrologic analysis

FEMA will evaluate the issues raised in the referenced correspondence and the submitted data. If additional data or information are required to resolve the submittal, FEMA will contact your community. If warranted, FEMA will revise the preliminary FIRM and FIS Report and send revised copies to your office for review.

Until this submittal is resolved, FEMA will not issue a Letter of Final Determination (LFD). Therefore, processing of the FIRM and FIS Report for your community will be delayed.

FEMA makes Scientific Resolution Panels (SRPs) available to support the resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for

resolution. An SRP is an option after FEMA and a local community have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution. Please refer to the enclosed SRP Fact Sheet for further information.

We appreciate your community's submittal and commitment to having the most accurate flood hazard information available reflected on the FIRM and in the FIS Report. If you have additional questions, please contact Nikki Roberts at our FEMA Regional Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by telephone at (215) 931-5575 or by e-mail at Nikki.Roberts@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Lipiecki
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FEMA Region III

Enclosures:

SRP Fact Sheet

cc: Mr. Robert Kalinoski, Street Commissioner, Borough of Throop
Mr. Louis Cimini, Esq., Solicitor/Manager, Borough of Throop
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Ms. Marita Kelley, State NFIP Coordinator