

Dear Tom:

We enjoyed very much the opportunity to talk with you, Mike Smith, Mike, Krusen, and Karen Miner this afternoon and to take the first steps in establishing solid, productive communications with you and others in Chemung County.

As you know, FEMA is in the process of conducting a flood risk analysis update for Chemung County. But let me say first that we regret any confusion and concern over the unauthorized and premature release of pre-preliminary information about the maps. As discussed, it will be nine months before the preliminary maps for Chemung County have been completed and will be released. That release, by FEMA, is currently scheduled for November, 2010.

FEMA strives to coordinate with all stakeholders to ensure the most accurate delivery of risk information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jim Flemming or me. And I know you have Scott Duell's contact information also; he is eager to address any issues with you, as well.

Best Wishes,

Bill

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