

April 19, 2024

Dave Harner, II County Manager, Lee County P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0398

Reference: April 11 Letter Regarding Findings Reports for National Flood Insurance Program Affected Communities

Dear Mr. Dave Harner:

We appreciate the discussions and your responsiveness last week about the information and documentation actions your community has completed to remain in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program and its Community Rating System.

We have reviewed your request to extend the amount of time to provide a more thorough response to the information that has been requested. To help you with this process, we are granting an additional 30 days to gather and submit the requested documentation.

Additionally, we concur with the approach to provide additional documentation as outlined in your April 11 letter. Providing the data included in the itemized list will assist us in making our decision. As stated in our April 8 letter to your communities, all communities must be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program's minimum floodplain management standards to be eligible to participate in the Community Rating System.

All information must be provided before or on June 10. We encourage you to submit the required information in batches as it is completed instead of waiting closer to the deadline. Our staff will review submissions and have additional discussions with you on any questions or issues that may arise. FEMA staff are already deployed to your communities, and this week we deployed additional staff, to be able to review the batches on a concurrent basis and inform the final decision regarding your Community Rating System and National Flood Insurance Program status.

As I stated to everyone in our April 11 meeting, we want to maintain our great partnership with you and ensure we are doing everything possible to assist as you continue rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Ian.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Samaan Regional Administrator

Cc: Arleen Hunter, City Manager, City of Bonita Springs Michael Ilczyszyn, City Manager, City of Cape Coral Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager, Village of Estero Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager, Town of Fort Myers Beach