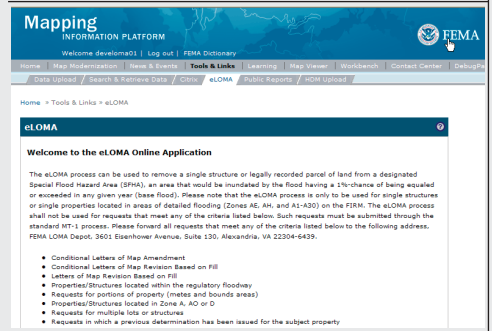


FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION

eLOMA

ELECTRONIC LETTERS OF MAP AMENDMENT



WHAT IS eLOMA?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in association with the National Service Provider (NSP), has designed an interactive online determination tool for MT-1 requests called eLOMA.

eLOMA is a web-based application within the Mapping Information Platform (MIP) that provides licensed land surveyors and professional engineers (Licensed Professionals) with a system to submit simple Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) requests to FEMA. This tool is designed to make a determination based on the information submitted by the Licensed Professional and allow them to generate a determination from FEMA in minutes.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PROPERTY INFORMATION FORM	
PAPERWORK BURDEN DISCLOSURE	
Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 1.63 hours per response. The burden includes searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the needed data, and completing and reviewing this collection of information unless a valid OMB control number appears in the instructions to this form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2008-0001), Washington, DC 20503.	
This form may be completed by the property owner, property owner's agent, licensed land surveyor, or a professional engineer (PE) registered in the state where the property is located. It is used to request a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Conditional Letter of Map Amendment (CLMRF), or Conditional Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (CLMRF-F) for existing or proposed, single parcels that describes your request.	
<input type="checkbox"/> LOMA	A letter from FEMA stating that an existing (natural grade) would not be inundated by the base flood.
<input type="checkbox"/> CLMRA	A letter from FEMA stating that a proposed structure would not be inundated by the base flood.
<input type="checkbox"/> CLMRF-F	A letter from FEMA stating that an existing structure would not be inundated by the base flood.
<input type="checkbox"/> CLMRF-F	A letter from FEMA stating that a parcel of land would not be inundated by the base flood if built as proposed.
Fill is defined as material from any source placed to raise the ground to or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) by removing unstable existing material (topsoil) and backfilling with select structural material to alter the existing (natural grade) elevation, which is at or above the BFE. Fill that is placed in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is considered fill.	

The current release of eLOMA enables Licensed Professionals to make requests for existing single residential structures or properties, provided no fill has been placed to raise the elevations of the

structure or property. Almost half of the LOMAs processed annually (about 7,000 cases) meet the requirements of eLOMA.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF eLOMA?

eLOMA was designed to facilitate the LOMA process. Historically, because of manual processing, obtaining a LOMA took up to 60 days, provided all required documentation was on file. Through the use of eLOMA, Licensed Professionals could receive a determination in the time that it takes to enter the required information online.

HOW DOES eLOMA DIFFER FROM THE TRADITIONAL LOMA PROCESS?

A LOMA is a letter from FEMA stating that an existing structure or parcel of land that has not been elevated by the placement of fill is not expected to be inundated by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood (the base flood). To receive an eLOMA, Licensed Professionals must register on the MIP to establish an account. Once registered, they will be able to enter property-specific information that they have certified as accurate, as well as data taken from the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Reports. Licensed Professionals should refer to FIS Reports because the most accurate Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are not always found on the FIRMs. The eLOMA online service

GENERAL INQUIRIES, TECHNICAL ISSUES AND FEEDBACK

This is an exciting step for Flood Map Modernization and we look forward to your feedback. Please send feedback to MIPHelp@mapmodteam.com, and include the phrase "eLOMA Feedback" in the subject line.

For general inquiries about the LOMA process, finding and using FIRMs and FIS Reports, or developing BFEs, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center:

Phone: 1-877-FEMA MAP, option 1

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. EST

To report a technical problem with the eLOMA tool in the MIP, please contact the MIP Help Desk:

Phone: 1-877-FEMA MAP, option 2

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

E-mail: MIPHelp@mapmodteam.com

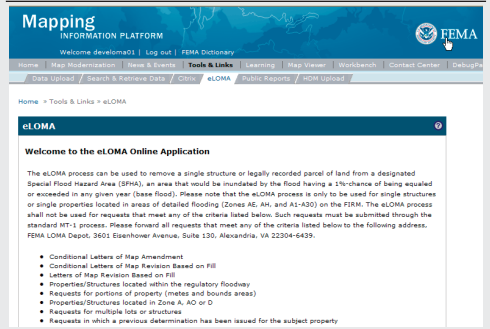


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Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENT DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 6, Block B, Maple Estates Subdivision, as depicted in the Deed recorded by Document No. 1234-06 in the Office of the County Clerk, Prince Georges County, Maryland

COMMUNITY AND MAP PANEL INFORMATION
COMMUNITY: PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND (Unincorporated Areas)
COMMUNITY NO.: 24850

AFFECTED MAP PANEL
NUMBER: 24850R050C
DATE: 07/19/97

FLOODING SOURCE: HORNERPEN BRANCH

LOT	BLOCK/SECTION	SUBDIVISION	STREET	OUTCOME RESULT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE MAP	FLOOD ZONE	% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD ELEVATION (FOODING)	LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE ELEVATION (FOODING)	LOWEST LOT ELEVATION (FOODING)
6	B	Maple Estates	12 Maple Lane	Structure	X (optional)	-	161.9 feet	-

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) - The SFHA is an area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). Please note that the eLOMA process is only to be used for single structures or single properties located in areas of designated flooding (Zones AE, AH, and AO) on the FEMA. The eLOMA process shall not be used for requests that meet any of the criteria listed below. Such requests must be submitted through the standard MT-1 process. Please forward all requests that meet any of the criteria listed below to the following address: FEMA LOMA Dept., 301 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 130, Alexandria, VA 22304-6420.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Optional) Please refer to the appropriate section in Attachment 1 for the additional comments listed below.

LOMA DETERMINATION

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's determination regarding a request for a Letter of Map Amendment for the property described above. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we have determined that the structure(s) on the property(ies) listed on the SFHA, an area inundated by the flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This document amends the effective NFIP map to remove the subject property from the SFHA. Based on the information and/or map, however, the Flood Insurance Requirement (FIR) may not apply. However, the FIR may still apply to certain structures. Information about the FIR and how you can apply is available.

This determination is based on the flood data currently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding the determination. If you have any questions about the determination, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 877-336-2807 or 703-596-6420. If you have any questions about the determination, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 877-336-2807 or 703-596-6420.

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National Flood Insurance Program, Information Officer

will then make a determination based on the submitted information, and Licensed Professionals will be able to print a copy of the determination once the request is processed.

An eLOMA document will serve the same functions as a standard LOMA. The only difference between the two is that the online determination is made automatically with standard checks instead of the lengthier manual review used in traditional LOMA processing. In addition, eLOMA does not replace the LOMA procedure. The eLOMA determination tool is an optional process applicable to only the most basic LOMA requests. Currently, there is no charge to receive a LOMA, and eLOMAs also will be available to Licensed Professionals at no cost.

HOW DOES eLOMA CREATE DETERMINATIONS THROUGH THE MIP?

A surveyor or engineer must set up an account through the MIP using individual license certification information. Once the Licensed Professional is registered on the MIP, he or she can log into eLOMA. Once logged in, he or she will be given the option to create a new application or resume a previously saved application. The Licensed Professional will be asked to submit certified elevations. eLOMA will make a comparison of the submitted BFE with the submitted Lowest Adjacent Grade

(LAG) or Low Lot Elevation (LLE) and provide an instant determination for the Licensed Professional if the application has not been selected for FEMA audit. For quality purposes, eLOMA will ensure that all required information has been entered.

If the application is selected for FEMA audit, the Licensed Professional will receive instructions for submitting their application materials. If the application is approved, the Licensed Professional will receive notification that they can login and print the determination. If the application is rejected, the LOMA will be completed by FEMA using the standard, manual MT-1 process and the Licensed Professional will be audited again after his or her next submittal. After a successful audit, the Licensed Professional will be able to generate eLOMA determinations online. However, he or she will still be subject to random audits.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF eLOMA?

FEMA is closely monitoring the progress of eLOMA to consider expanding its capabilities to include:

- Offering broader application requests
- Expanding use of eLOMA to include additional users
- Adjusting audit frequency as needed

