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Greetings,

My name is Errol DuFour and I am part of the City of Valdez, Alaska Coastal Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) Project Team, working with the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR), a contractor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This email is being sent to you as a status update for work completed on this project as of August 17, 2015. Detailed status updates like this are sent quarterly and include the overall project status, changes to the scope or schedule of the project, and a detailed overview of the individual technical tasks associated with the project.

Project History:

FEMA is responsible for preparing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that delineate flood hazard zones and Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) in the United States. Because of the importance of understanding the nation's coastal flood risk, FEMA has initiated coastal flood risk studies for the populated coastline as part of its [Risk MAP](#) effort. Through the Risk MAP effort, FEMA is updating the nation's coastal [Flood Insurance Studies \(FISs\)](#) and [FIRMs](#), where appropriate, and publishing new FIRMs in densely populated areas that were not previously mapped. For more information, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/coastal-flood-risks-achieving-resilience-together>.

The State of Alaska identified the City of Valdez as a priority for FEMA's Risk MAP program. The State determines its priorities based on population at risk to hazards, recent events, and community interest. FEMA, State, and Local stakeholders participated in a Risk MAP Discovery Meeting held January 24, 2011 where community concerns were identified. These concerns were captured in the Risk MAP Discovery Report and delivered to the City of Valdez. After the Discovery Meeting, the City of Valdez's concerns were researched and analyzed, in order to develop a scope of work that includes multi-hazard risk assessment products and updates to the communities' regulatory flood maps based on community-identified resilience needs.

Project Milestones and Deliverables:

Meeting/Deliverable	Point of Contact	Actual/Projected Date
Risk MAP Discovery Meeting	Sally Cox	January 24, 2011
Draft Map Release – Coastal	Errol DuFour	April 2014
Flood Risk Review Meeting – Coastal	Errol DuFour	June 26, 2014
Draft Map Release – Riverine	Errol DuFour	April 30, 2015
Flood Risk Review Meeting – Riverine	Errol DuFour	August 12, 2015
Preliminary DFIRM/FIS Release	Errol DuFour	Winter 2015/2016*
Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO) Meeting	Ted Perkins	Spring 2016*
Public Meeting/Workshop	Kathleen Warren	Spring 2016*
Draft Multi-Hazard Risk Report	Amanda Siok	Late Spring 2016*
Appeal Period Starts	Errol DuFour	Late Spring 2016*
Appeal Period Ends	Errol DuFour	Late Summer 2016*
Letter of Final Determination	Errol DuFour	Winter 2016*
Risk MAP Resilience Workshop	Amanda Siok	Spring 2017*
Delivery of Final Risk Report and Risk Assessment Database	Amanda Siok	Early Summer 2017*
Maps and FIS become Effective	Errol DuFour	Early Summer 2017*

**All projected dates are subject to revision as the project progresses.*

Next Steps:

The Valdez Riverine Draft Workmaps were released on April 30, 2015. A Flood Risk Review (FRR) Meeting was recently held Wednesday, August 12, 2015 via web-conference to discuss the draft maps and display the updated analysis of the proposed floodplains. The community has 30 days to provide their comments on the draft maps. We will review these comments and respond as necessary. Once we resolve any comments, we will work towards publishing the Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) and, subsequently, a Consultation Coordination Officers (CCO)/Public Meeting will take place. The CCO meeting will give the communities an opportunity to have their questions answered and get an understanding of the path forward.

Additional information on this project including the project area and Risk MAP contacts can be found online at <http://www.starr-team.com/starr/RegionalWorkspaces/RegionX/Valdez/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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General Information:

If you have questions about this Risk MAP project, please contact the State Risk MAP Coordinator, Sally Cox, sally.cox@alaska.gov, (907) 269-4588.

The STARR Region X Help Desk is another resource available to answer project-related questions. STARR staff will route and research your question, and respond within three business days. Submit your questions via email, the address is RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

If you want to keep up with what's happening around Region X, get project status updates, or learn about upcoming events and training opportunities, subscribe to the Region X monthly newsletter. For more information or to subscribe, email rxnewsletter@starr-team.com.

Current and past issues of the newsletter, project status updates, announcements, upcoming events, and training opportunities are also available online at the STARR website, www.starr-team.com (shortcut link: <http://j.mp/starrxnews>).

I hope you found this status update email helpful. If you would like to be removed from the distribution list, or if you feel there is someone that should be added to the list, please reply to this email. If you have any questions, or if there is information that you would like to see in future updates, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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