



FEMA

May 12, 2023

Re: Overland Field Reconnaissance for the FEMA New York and New Jersey Coastal Restudy
Including Cape May County, NJ

To Whom It May Concern:

As you may be aware, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently preparing a coastal study for New York and New Jersey. The storm surge analysis portion of the project has been completed and we are transitioning to the overland wave analysis portion of the overall project. During this transition, we have contracted with a new mapping partner, the ARC PTS Joint Venture, which includes Michael Baker International, Moffatt & Nichol, and WSP USA and their contractor GdB Geospatial. As we are preparing a new coastal flood study for your community, FEMA's mapping partner will be conducting field visits in support of the coastal flood studies for the Atlantic coast of New Jersey.

I understand that we completed field work under the prior contract and we are leveraging that data and information. With the added time it took to complete the surge analysis, the new contractor must conduct some additional fieldwork to supplement the prior work to develop the transect layouts for the modeling.

The teams will be collecting photographs of coastal features and taking notes on general field conditions. This field reconnaissance effort will include surveying using traditional land survey instruments in select locations. While collecting field data, individuals from the above firms will make every effort to stay on public land and rights-of-way; however, it may be necessary from time to time for the field team to enter upon privately owned property for short periods of time to gather information.

Our teams will be in the field during May 2023. Survey staff will carry photo identification and this FEMA letter detailing the purpose of their activities. The crews will be taking field measurements and photographs. The survey team will contact the community police department prior to starting field activities.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at michael.foley3@fema.dhs.gov or at (347) 610-1847 or Sarah Hamm, the ARC PTS JV Deputy Task Order Manager at shamm@moffattnichol.com or at (646)-277-6465. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Foley".

Michael P. Foley, Chief
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