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On behalf of the Municipal Utility Districts served by The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency, steps are being taken by the WJPA to assist Montgomery County in formally appealing the Preliminary revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for The Woodlands area in Montgomery County.

On January 30, 2009, a letter from the Montgomery County Commissioners Court was submitted to FEMA outlining several concerns regarding the accuracy of the revised FIRM. The letter stated "...the County has noted multiple areas in the southern portion of the County where the preliminary mapping fails to accurately map areas of flood risk."

While acknowledging certain limitations and inaccuracies in the revised maps, FEMA's response to the County's letter required that data be submitted during the appeal and protest period showing the area in protest should be mapped outside the floodplain boundary. For those MUDs served by the WJPA, the protest and appeals data is being prepared by the WJPA staff and engineering consultants and will be provided to Montgomery County for formal submission to FEMA.

The deadline for submitting a protest or appeal is August 21. For additional information on the Preliminary revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps, go to the Montgomery County web site at [www.montgomery.co.tx.us](http://www.montgomery.co.tx.us) and select the Preliminary Floodplain Maps.