



**FEMA**

May 10, 2019

Mr. James M. Malkin  
Chairperson, Board of Selectmen  
Town of Chilmark  
P.O. Box 119  
Chilmark, MA 02535

**Re: FEMA Coastal Erosion and Sea Level Rise Study – Field Reconnaissance**

Dear Mr. Malkin:

Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Technical Mapping Advisory Council, tasked with considering future conditions, has recommended that FEMA assess the impact of coastal erosion and sea level rise. In response to this recommendation, FEMA Region 1 has initiated the development of coastal erosion hazard area maps in select locations.

The coastal erosion hazard area maps will identify coastal areas subject to erosion and landforms such as beaches, bluffs, and dunes that protect coastal lands and development from the adverse impact of erosion and high coastal water elevations. Coastal erosion and sea level rise studies are being performed for Barnstable and Dukes Counties.

Compass is currently serving FEMA as a production and technical services contractor in executing these coastal erosion studies. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Compass's field survey and reconnaissance activities, which will include a visual inspection of the shoreline to identify unique physical characteristics impacting coastal erosion. The reconnaissance effort will be completed on foot by teams of two to four people. The field staff may be using handheld GPS devices and digital cameras to document the findings of the field reconnaissance activities. Compass plans to conduct field activities from May 19 through May 23, 2019.

If you have questions regarding this activity, please contact Compass's Project Manager, Lauren Klonsky, at [KlonskyLS@cdmsmith.com](mailto:KlonskyLS@cdmsmith.com) or by telephone at (617) 452-6361. The Compass field staff will carry photo identification and this FEMA letter detailing the purpose of their field reconnaissance effort. Your community's police agency and local floodplain administrator will be contacted prior to the start of field activities.

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If you have questions regarding this FEMA pilot study, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Bogdan, the FEMA Region 1 Risk Analysis Branch Chief, by email at [Kerry.Bogdan@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Kerry.Bogdan@fema.dhs.gov) or by telephone at (617) 956-7576.

Sincerely,

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