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Mr. John Herber  
Fire Chief of New Braunfels OPA  
424 South Castell Avenue  
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

**Place Code: Comal: 09237 Guadalupe: 18837**

Dear Mr. Herber:

Insurance Services Office (ISO) has submitted a recommendation that extends your fire department response to an area outside the city limits. This area is considered an Outside Protected Area (OPA) and is limited to the area indicated on the map which accompanied the request. Please note this does not apply to the area within the city limits or the area covered by the Public Protection Classification (PPC). Currently, the area outlined in the OPA is a Class 4/9.

**Insurance Services Office is recommending the Public Protection Classification for the OPA be changed to a split Class 2/9 with an effective date of 01/01/2008.** The recommendation is based on a review of your community performed on 06/12/2006 and does include application of the Texas Addendum.

With a split Class 2/9, all class-rated properties located within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant and within 5 miles of a fire station will use Class 2. All class-rated properties located farther than 1000 feet of a fire hydrant and within 5 miles of a fire station will use Class 9.

Public Protection Classifications range from 1 (best) to 10 (worst).

We have reviewed the information provided and believe it is sufficient to grant approval. Enclosed is a PPC Submittal sheet indicating the point totals for the major areas associated with the review. We will notify Insurance Services Office of our approval of the recommendation and of the 01/01/2008 effective date.

If you have any questions regarding this change, I may be reached at the address indicated above or by telephone at (512) 305-7941.

***Please make sure all community officials and residents within your district are notified of the new Public Protection Classification rating for your community, and the effective date.***

Sincerely,

***Jesse Williams***

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