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It has come to our attention that the standard FEMA/MSC tool for creating FIRMettes is not properly configured for the newer DFIRMS (dated 5/16/2017 in Milford). Older FIRMS (dated 7/8/2013 in Milford) are unaffected.

There are two alternate methods to create FIRMettes from the newer DFIRMS according to FEMA. You may use either of the following. The first (NFHL) appears to be a little easier as it will prepare a FIRMette directly from an address.

The second (FIRMette Desktop tool) requires you to download the software and the DFIRM must also be saved to your computer. Also, the defined windows for the title block and scale/north arrow are not quite properly sized.

Either method will provide satisfactory results.

You may also use FEMA's new National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Print Tool to make a FIRMette. The NFHL print tool can be found at <http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=49069b91c14a411fa8defccf5c1f6266>. To begin, you may enter an address or place in the upper left-hand corner of the webpage. You may then follow the steps in the NFHL Print box in the upper right-hand corner of the page to create your NFHL FIRMette.

You may also use the FIRMette Desktop tool to create a FIRMette from newer formatted map panels. You may download the FIRMette Desktop tool and Installation and User Guide on the MSC at <http://msc.fema.gov/portal/resources/productsandtools>.

We hope this information has addressed the concerns raised in your email. If you need additional information or assistance, please reply to this message. You may also contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) by telephone, toll-free, at (877)336-2627, option 1, or by chat at http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.