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Dear Mr. Esty and Mr. Shea:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with 44 C.F.R. Pt. 201. The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations.

FEMA approval and the State of Connecticut's adoption of the Standard State Mitigation Plan confirms the continued availability within your State of non-emergency Stafford Act funding (Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning and project grants, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning and project grants, Fire Management Assistance, and Public Assistance categories C-G).

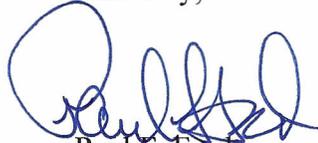
It is important to recognize that all requests for future funding through these programs will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities or projects are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the programs listed above.

The 2014 Connecticut Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval **within three years of the plan approval date of January 9, 2014**. Over the next three years, we encourage the State to continue updating the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and begin implementing, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

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Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marilyn Hilliard at (617) 956-7536.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure