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Paul Ford, Acting Regional Administrator  
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RE: State Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

Dear Administrator Ford:

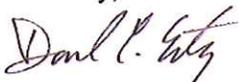
Enclosed for your review and formal approval is the updated Connecticut State Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). Through this letter, we, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) hereby adopt this plan on behalf of the State of Connecticut. The NHMP has been prepared pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and in accordance with the *November 2008 Plan Update Guidance* provided by FEMA.

This NHMP is the result of a collaborative process and represents a coordinated effort and commitment by our two state agencies, the State Hazard Mitigation Planning Team, regional planning agencies and others in Connecticut that are involved in pre-disaster mitigation efforts, emergency response to natural disasters, and post-disaster recovery after a major natural disaster. The NHMP is a comprehensive document describing the assessed risks associated with natural disasters in Connecticut and the existing mitigation measures our state has taken, and has proposed to undertake in the future to minimize the impact, damage and disruption caused by the occurrence of natural disasters within the State of Connecticut.

We believe that the updated Connecticut State Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is in full compliance with the planning requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Final Rule, Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 201 and 206, thus keeping the State of Connecticut qualified to receive funding under all FEMA disaster assistance and hazard mitigation programs. The State of Connecticut will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding, in compliance with 44 CFR 13.11(c). Furthermore, the State of Connecticut will amend its plan whenever necessary to reflect changes in State or Federal laws and statutes as required in 44 CFR 13.11(c) and (d).

As primary implementing agencies, DEEP and DESPP will work diligently with our CT Interagency Hazard Mitigation Committee and all of our hazard mitigation partners to implement the State Hazard Mitigation Strategy contained in the plan, thereby reducing Connecticut's vulnerability to natural hazards.

Sincerely,



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