



FEMA

April 28, 2011

The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor, State of New Jersey
Office of the Governor
125 West State Street
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Approval of New Jersey State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Governor Christie:

I am pleased to inform you that the Region II Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has formally approved the State of New Jersey's Standard Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Plan is approved from the date of this letter for a period of three years, through April 28, 2014.

The FEMA Region II Office conducted a review of New Jersey's Plan in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201, Mitigation Planning, and using the FEMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance, the official guidance to develop and review new and updated mitigation plans. The approval of this Plan allows the State of New Jersey to retain its eligibility for the following types of FEMA disaster assistance:

- Public Assistance-Categories C-G
- Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)
- Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)

In addition, FEMA Region II has determined that the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Strategy in this Plan meets the criteria set forth under 44 CFR §201.4(c)(3)(v). Therefore, the State of New Jersey will continue to be eligible to receive up to a 90% federal funding share under the SRL and FMA programs pursuant to 44 CFR 79.4 (c)(2). In order to maintain this eligibility, the SRL Strategy must be updated or revised as necessary along with the next update of the State Mitigation Plan.

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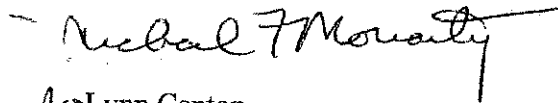
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It is important to recognize that all future requests for funding under these programs will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For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

We look forward to working with the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management on new processes for continuing to update the Plan and on the implementation of the State's hazard mitigation strategy.

Please contact me at (212) 680-3612 or have a member of your staff contact Tim Crowley, Mitigation Division Director at (212) 680-3627 if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,



for Lynn Canton
Regional Administrator

cc: Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, Superintendent, New Jersey State Police
Lieutenant Colonel Jerome Hatfield, New Jersey Division of State Police



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CHRIS CHRISTIE
Governor

April 27, 2011

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Re: Adoption of State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Regional Administrator Canton:

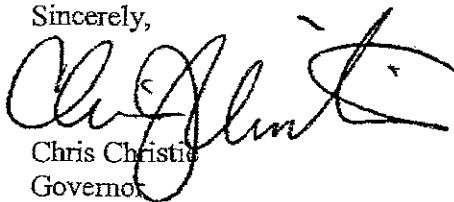
Enclosed is New Jersey's State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) for final review and approval pursuant to 44 C.F.R. 201.4 (c) (6). Based on the recommendations of the State Hazard Mitigation Team and the State Director of Emergency Management, I hereby approve the Plan and its adoption by the State of New Jersey. Pursuant to the terms of Executive Order 115 (1994), the Plan will serve as the State's comprehensive plan for the reduction of natural hazards.

The Plan has been developed and updated by the State Hazard Mitigation Team and the State Office of Emergency Management in accordance with the provisions of the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

The State has afforded State and federal agencies, regional groups, not for profit organizations, private citizens and other interested parties the opportunity to comment and provide input on the Plan and the actions contained therein.

The State Hazard Mitigation Team and the State Office of Emergency Management will execute, monitor and maintain the Plan in keeping with the specified terms and the actions contained therein.

Sincerely,



Chris Christie
Governor