



**FEMA**

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Sima Merick  
Executive Director  
Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
2855 West Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, OH 43235-2206

Dear Executive Director Merick:

As requested by Steve Ferryman, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, FEMA has reviewed the 2019 State of Ohio Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan and I am pleased to inform you that the state plan meets the criteria for an Standard State Hazard Mitigation Plan, as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201.4, and the criteria for an Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan as outlined in 44 CFR 201.5. I am prepared to approve the 2019 State of Ohio Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan following formal adoption by your state.

Attached is FEMA's review of the plan. This includes the review for a standard and enhanced state plan. I encourage your staff to utilize the review to identify opportunities to improve the plan for future updates.

Congratulations on the development of the 2019 State of Ohio Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan. I encourage you to arrange for the adoption of your plan to continue your state's eligibility for the Stafford Act disaster assistance programs, excluding emergency measures, after May 13, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this planning process, please contact Mary Beth Caruso, Mitigation Division Director, at 312-408-5455 or [MaryBeth.Caruso@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:MaryBeth.Caruso@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James K. Joseph", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James K. Joseph  
Regional Administrator