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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:

I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), formally approves the 2019 State of Ohio Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan, officially adopted by the State of Ohio. The plan is now in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements for an updated Standard State Mitigation Plan and the requirements for an updated Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan. The updated state mitigation plan is effective for five years from the date of this letter.

The approval of this plan ensures the continued availability of non-emergency Stafford Act funding for the next 5 years within the State of Ohio. This includes the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (at an increased 20% level), Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, and Public Assistance Grants (Categories C-G). In addition, the approval of this plan allows the State of Ohio to be eligible for the reduced cost share (90/10) for grants awarded under the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. All requests for funding however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James K. Joseph".

James K. Joseph
Regional Administrator