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August 2, 2011

The Honorable John DeStefano, Mayor
City of New Haven
New Haven City Hall
165 Church Street 5th Floor
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Mayor DeStefano:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the City of New Haven, CT Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with 44 CFR Part 201. The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations. Congratulations on this achievement!

With this plan approval, the City is eligible to apply for Mitigation Grants administered by FEMA. Requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and requirements of each of these programs. Furthermore, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in your community's plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under the programs referenced above.

The City's Hazard Mitigation Plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within **five years of the plan approval date of August 2, 2011** in order to maintain eligibility as an applicant for mitigation grants. Over the next five years, we encourage the City of New Haven 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.

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,

Don R. Boyce
Regional Administrator

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cc: Diane Ifkovic, NFIP Coordinator
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SINGLE JURISDICTION REVIEW CHECKLIST

City of New Haven, CT., Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Date of Review and Version: September 2010

FEMA Review: 4/26/2011 & 8-2-2011

Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)	Location in Plan	Met	Not Met
Planning Process and Maintenance			
1. Does the plan document the planning process used to develop the plan, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process?	Sect 1.2 page 1-5	Yes	
2. Does the plan describe an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests to be involved in the planning process?	Sect 12.2 pg 12-1	Yes	
3. Did the plan describe the review and incorporation, if appropriate, of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information?	Sect 3.4, 4.4, 5.4, 6.4, 7.4, 8.4, 9.4, 10.4, Sect 12.4 pg 12-1	Yes	
4. Does the plan address the jurisdiction's participation in the NFIP?	Sect 1.1 pg 1-3		
5. Does the plan describe how the public was given an opportunity to comment on the plan during the planning process and prior to plan approval?	Sect 1.2 pg 1-5, 1-6 & Sect 12.2 pg 12-1	Yes	
6. Is there discussion of how the local government(s) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process?	Sect 12.2, pg 12-1	Yes	
7. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current, i.e., monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle?	Sect 12.2, pg 12-1 Sect 12.3 pg 12-2	Yes	
Risk Assessment			
8. Does the plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction(s)?	Sect 1.4, pg 1-6 to 1-7 & Sect 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.1, 9.1, 10.1	Yes	
9. Does the plan include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events?	Sect 3.3, 4.3, 5.3, 6.3, 7.3, 8.3, 9.3, 10.3	Yes	
10. Is there a description of the jurisdiction's vulnerability to the hazards identified, including an overall summary of each hazard and its impact on the community?	Sect 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5	Yes	
11. Does the plan address NFIP insured structures within the planning area that have been repetitively damaged by floods? (<i>What types of structures are these 25 RLP?</i>)	Plan's last page	Yes	
Mitigation Strategy			
12. Is there a description of mitigation goals to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards?	Sect 1.3	Yes	
13. Does the plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects being considered to reduce the effects of each hazard?	Sections 3.6, 3.7, 4.6, 4.7, 5.6, etc.	Yes	
14. Does the plan address continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate, for the jurisdiction?	Sect 3.6 page 3-15	Yes	
15. Does the plan describe a process by which local governments will incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate?	Sect 12.0, pg 12-1 Sect 3.4, 4.4, 5.4, 6.4, 7.4, 8.4, 9.4, 10.4	Yes	
16. Is there an action plan describing how the actions identified will be prioritized (including emphasis on cost benefit review) implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction?	Sect 1.1 pg 1-4, 1-5	Yes	

FEMA REVIEWER: **Brigitte Ndikum-Nyada**

APPROVABLE? YES: NO:

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