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Mr. Doug Hoell, Director
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management
4713 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4713

Attention: Mr. Chris Crew
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Reference: Multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Pamlico County

Dear Mr. Hoell:

We are pleased to inform you that the Pamlico County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is in compliance with the Federal hazard mitigation planning standards resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The Plan is approved for a period of five (5) years, to November 12, 2015.

The plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdictions that provided a copy of their resolutions adopting the plan:

- Pamlico County Unincorporated
- Town of Alliance
- Town of Arapahoe
- Town of Bayboro
- Town of Grantsboro
- Town of Mesic
- Town of Minnesott Beach
- Town of Oriental
- Town of Stonewall
- Town of Vandemere

The approved participating jurisdictions are hereby eligible applicants through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

A fifth program, Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), does not have a requirement for a local Hazard Mitigation Plan. National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

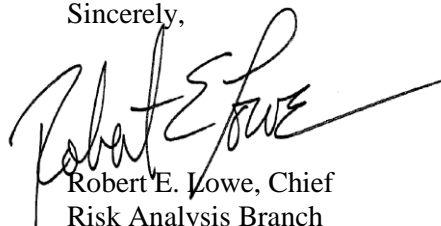
The Town of Grantsboro is sanctioned by the National Flood Insurance Program as a “non-participating community” for not adopting flood damage prevention regulations within the FEMA-identified SFHAs. NFIP sanctioned communities are not eligible applicants for any Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs and are only eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) projects located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Therefore this community will not be eligible to fully participate in all Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs until it joins the NFIP. Upon receipt of documentation that the Town of Grantsboro has been accepted as a participating community in the NFIP, it will become eligible to apply for PDM and HMGP projects within the identified SFHA as well as RFC, SRL and FMA projects.

We commend Pamlico County for development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note all requests for funding 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 strongly encourage the community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage the community to conduct a plan update process within one year of being included within a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development. When the Plan is updated, currently due November 12, 2015, it must be resubmitted through the State as a “plan update” and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the Plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the Draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan.

The State and Pamlico County should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or the Pamlico County have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact MaryMargaret Jackson, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch at 770-220-5234 or Linda L. Byers of my staff at 770-220-5498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Lowe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Lowe, Chief
Risk Analysis Branch
Mitigation Division