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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter as an official reminder that the City of [REDACTED] Arkansas, has until July 6, 2010, to adopt and have the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office approve floodplain management measures that satisfy 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(h) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.

The City of [REDACTED] must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements (copy enclosed) by July 6, 2010, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, your community becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP, new insurance policies cannot be sold, and existing policies cannot be renewed.

The provisions of Section 202(a) of Public Law 93-234, as amended prohibits Federal officers or agencies from approving any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance, payment, rebate, subsidy, or disaster assistance loan or grant, for acquisition or construction purposes within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), areas subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood. Your community's suspension from the NFIP would prohibit mortgage loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, insured by the Federal Housing Administration, or secured by the Rural Economic and Community Development Services. This prohibition also affects the disaster assistance in connection with a flood under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, as amended.

Furthermore, Section 202(b) of Public Law 93-234, as amended, requires Federally regulated lending institutions to notify the purchaser or lessee of improved real property located in an SFHA, whether Federal disaster assistance will be available when the property is being used to secure a loan that is being made, increased, extended, or renewed.

Your NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA would like to assist the City of [REDACTED] to ensure it remains in good standing with the NFIP and avoids suspension from the Program. If your community is suspended, it may regain its eligibility in the NFIP by enacting the floodplain management measures established in 44 CFR Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. As stated in my previous

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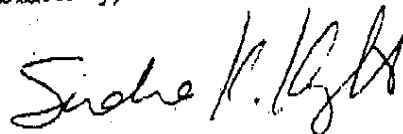
correspondence, I recommend you contact your NFIP State Coordinator or the FEMA Regional Office if the City of [REDACTED] is encountering difficulties in enacting its measures.

I recognize that your community may be in the final adoption process or may have recently adopted the appropriate floodplain management measures. Please submit these measures to the Floodplain Management Program at the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. Michael Borengasser, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, is accessible by telephone at (501) 682-3969, in writing at 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 350, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, or by electronic mail at [REDACTED]

The FEMA Regional staff in Denton, Texas, is also available to assist you with your floodplain management measures. The FEMA Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (940) 898-5399 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region VI, at Federal Regional Center, 800 North Loop 288, Denton, Texas 76201-3698.

In the event your community does not adopt and/or submit the necessary floodplain management measures that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements, I must take the necessary steps to suspend your community from the NFIP. This letter is FEMA's final notification before your community is suspended from the Program.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Tony Russell, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI
Michael Borengasser, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
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