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Mr. Karl Kruse, Chairman
Kankakee County Board
189 East Court Street
Kankakee, Illinois 60940

Dear Chairman Kruse:

Congratulations! We have received notification from FEMA that your Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) plan has met the required criteria and has been approved. I have enclosed the FEMA approval letter and review crosswalks which contain their comments.

This approval makes the Kankakee County and the fourteen participating jurisdictions (once they adopt the plan) eligible for mitigation grant funds for the next five years, at which time an updated plan will need to be submitted for approval. While Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are only available in the aftermath of a disaster, the new Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program funds are available through a nationwide competitive program every year. As soon as the yearly program guidance is released, usually in the fall, IEMA will notify all of the eligible jurisdictions to make them aware of the opportunity.

Approval of a DMA2k plan is a terrific accomplishment and the first step in making your County safer from natural disasters. If I can be of assistance in the completion of your action items or if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (217) 782-8719.

Sincerely,

Ron Davis

Ron Davis
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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