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Edmund Meehan, First Selectman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Chester
200 Middlesex Avenue
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Dear Mr. Meehan:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Chester, Connecticut Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update, 2014. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with 44 C.F.R. Pt. 201. The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations.

With this plan approval, the Town of Chester is eligible to apply to the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility requirements identified for each of these programs. A specific mitigation activity or project identified in your community's plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding; even eligible mitigation activities or projects are not automatically approved.

Approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Complete information regarding the CRS can be found at www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm, or through your local floodplain administrator.

The Chester, Connecticut Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update, 2014 must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within **five years of the plan approval date of September 2, 2014** in order to maintain eligibility for mitigation grant funding. We encourage the Town to continually update the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and implement, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

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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,



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