



FEMA

March 7, 2006

Kenneth D. Murphy, Director
State of Oregon
Office of Homeland Security
Oregon Emergency Management
P.O. Box 14370
Salem, Oregon 97303-5062

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the *Oregon Hazards Mitigation Plan* as an Enhanced State Mitigation Plan, as per 44 CFR Part 201.5. The state of Oregon's eligibility to apply for Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) programs has been extended through March 7, 2009.

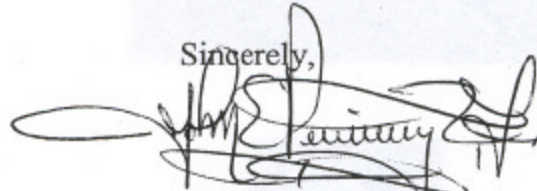
The FEMA approval of your plan ensures the continued availability of non-emergency Stafford Act assistance within your state. All requests for assistance, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular Stafford Act program under which the application is submitted.

The Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was previously approved on November 1, 2004, as a Standard State Mitigation Plan. Your office and its state partners are commended for further developing this plan to meet the Enhanced State Mitigation Plan requirements. In addition to the potential benefits from your state's commitment to hazard mitigation, the Enhanced State Mitigation Plan approval provides your state eligibility to receive increased funds under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, based on a percentage of the total estimated eligible Stafford Act disaster assistance, in the event of a federally declared disaster (44 CFR Part 201.5 (a)).

FEMA approval of your Enhanced State Mitigation Plan is based partially on a review of your mitigation program management performance (44 CFR 201.5 (b)(2)(iii A-D)). For this review, the determination was based on the four quarters prior to this submission of your plan to FEMA. In accordance with our regulatory requirement, future FEMA review of your mitigation program management performance will be based on the full period of time between this approval and the next submission of the plan.

We look forward to continuing the productive relationship between FEMA Region X and Oregon Emergency Management in updating and implementing your hazard mitigation plan. Please contact me or our Mitigation Division Director, Carl L. Cook, Jr., at 425-487-4687, with any questions or for further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Pennington", written over a light blue rectangular background.

John E. Pennington
Regional Director

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