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February 26, 2007

Mr. Ron Davis
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Illinois Emergency Management Agency
1035 Outer Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62704

Re: City of Waterloo
Waterloo School District Windstorm / Tornado Shelter
Monroe County, Illinois
FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has examined the above referenced project for its potential impact to agricultural land in order to determine its compliance with Illinois' Farmland Preservation Act. Our review also relates to the federal Farmland Protection Policy Act, which requires that federal projects be planned and implemented in a manner that is consistent with state and local farmland protection programs.

The Waterloo School District plans to construct a windstorm / tornado safe room structure within the new school. The safe room, designed to resist seismic events, will be equipped with an emergency backup generator.

Because the school's storm shelter is located within Waterloo's corporate boundaries, the IDOA has determined that the project complies with the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Chard, Acting Chief
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

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cc: Agency Project File

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