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The Honorable Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells Street, Room 201
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mayor Barrett:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on November 19, 2008; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3(d).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated May 19, 2008, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for the City of Milwaukee. Therefore, the City of Milwaukee should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the City of Milwaukee will be sent to you within the next few months.

As you know, Waukesha County has recently received a Federal disaster declaration as a result of severe storms and flooding. I recognize that this disaster has presented many challenges for your community. While I understand that hardships may exist, adopting the most current flood hazard data by the FIRM effective date of November 19, 2008, will ensure that your community is using the most up to date data during the recovery and rebuilding efforts. If you are experiencing difficulties in enacting these measures as a result of the flooding, I recommend you contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or FEMA Regional Office staff. You may contact Robert Watson, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (608) 266-8037, in writing at 101 South Webster, Madison, Wisconsin 53702, or by electronic mail at robert.watson@dnr.state.wi.us.

The Honorable Tom Barrett

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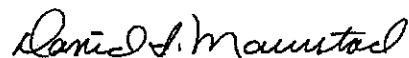
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The FEMA Regional staff in Chicago, Illinois, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the City of Milwaukee and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (312) 408-5000 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region V, at 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until November 19, 2008, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by the FIRM effective date. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Sincerely,



David I. Maurstad
Assistant Administrator
Mitigation Directorate

cc: Edward G. Buikema, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V
Robert Watson, NFIP State Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Chris Rute, Community Development, City of Milwaukee