July 1, 2013

Ms. Geneva J. Brawner  
Acting State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Kentucky Division of Emergency Management  
100 Minuteman Parkway  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6168

Reference: University of Louisville Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Ms. Brawner:

We are pleased to inform you that the University of Louisville Multi-campus Hazard Mitigation Plan is in compliance with the Federal hazard mitigation planning requirements resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for a period of five (5) years, to June 30, 2018.

This plan approval extends to the following participating campus that provided a copy of its resolution adopting the plan:

- University of Louisville

The approved participating campus is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)  
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)  
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)  
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

A fifth program, Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), does not have a requirement for a local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

We commend the participants in the University of Louisville plan for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.
We strongly encourage each campus to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage each campus to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration or with any major modifications to your Hazard Mitigation Research, Plans and Projects documents.

When the plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted through the State as a “plan update” and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan.

The State and the participants in the University of Louisville plan should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or the University of Louisville have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Jean Neptune, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (770) 220-5474 or Linda L. Byers of my staff, at (770) 220-5498.

Sincerely,

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