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Deputy Director Morgan
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Subject: Approvable Pending Adoption Status of the Kansas Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan

Deputy Director Morgan:

The Risk Analysis Branch of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 7 Mitigation Division has determined the Kansas Region L Plan meets all applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements except adoption, as identified in the attached Plan Review Tool. This means that your plan is **approvable pending adoption (APA)**, and the governing body of at least one of the participating jurisdictions must adopt the plan before FEMA can grant final approval of the plan.

Once the plan is adopted and FEMA Region 7 receives documentation of the adoption by at least one participating jurisdiction the plan status is changed from APA to Approved for the entire plan and for the adopting jurisdiction(s), and FEMA will send notification that the plan has been approved.

Governments with a plan status of “Approvable Pending Adoption” are not eligible for FEMA mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement until the plan has been approved. The next step in the approval process is for participating jurisdictions to formally adopt the mitigation plan and submit the resolutions to FEMA.

Participating jurisdictions that adopt the plan more than one year after APA status has been issued must either:

- Validate that their information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and their mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
- Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to FEMA.

An approved mitigation plan is one of the conditions for applying for and receiving FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- HMGP Post-Fire
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- Flood Mitigation Assistance
- Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Grant Program

Based on FEMA’s review, the plan did not meet all elements required for the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) grant program. Thus, the participating jurisdictions are not eligible for assistance from the HHPD Grant Program at this time. If any participating jurisdictions with HHPDs are interested in this assistance, they should contact the FEMA regional mitigation planner identified below to learn more about how to meet the required mitigation planning elements for this program.

We look forward to discussing options for implementing this mitigation plan. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Collette Linder, Mitigation Planning Supervisor, at (816) 394-6859 or collette.linder@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool