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RE: COMMENTS ON FEMA RESPONSE TO CITY'S APPEAL
Flood Insurance Study #300147CV000A
Revised Preliminary DFIRM Panels 0661, 0662, 0663, 0664

Dear Sirs:


This is in regard to your joint letter dated July 29, 2009, requesting the City of Miles City to review and comment upon FEMA's response to the City's appeal of the above referenced Flood Insurance Study and associated DFIRM panels.

Through this letter and its attachment, the City is notifying your agencies that the revised preliminary FIS Report and DFIRM panels cited above fail to resolve several of the scientific, technical and economic issues raised by the City in its appeal letters dated December 23, 2008; February 3, 2009; and March 9, 2009.

Accordingly, the City asserts that FEMA and the Montana DNRC are compelled by the consultation process defined in 44 CFR § 66.1 et. seq. and Section 76-5-201 MCA to fully resolve the issues raised in the City's appeal and in the attached comments prior to issuing a Letter of Final Determination.

Please contact Steve Craddock or John Marks in the Community Services and Planning Department at 406-234-3493 if you need any clarification or additional information.

Sincerely,


Joe R. Whalen
MAYOR

Attachment

cc: William R. Blanton, Jr., CFM, Chief Engineering Management Branch, FEMA
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