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Mr. Keith Dabney
Director of Zoning
Douglas County
2108 West 27th Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66047

Dear Mr. Dabney:

On August 30, 2007, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sent your community a letter to acknowledge and accept your signed Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL) agreement for the Lawrence Unit Levee. As a result, on March 19, 2007, the levee was designated as a PAL on the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) for Douglas, Jefferson and Leavenworth Counties and will remain so until June 19, 2009: the expiration of the two-year PAL period. This letter serves as a reminder of the upcoming June 19, 2009, deadline for the City of Lawrence to submit all necessary documentation required to demonstrate that the Lawrence Unit Levee is in full compliance with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Section 65.10 (44 CFR 65.10).

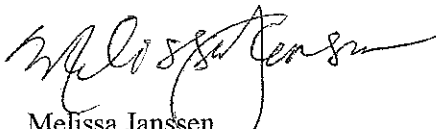
In accordance with 44 CFR 65.10, it is the responsibility of the community or other party seeking recognition of a levee system, to provide the data defined and outlined within 44 CFR 65.10. Specifically, the design and construction data provided must be certified by a registered professional engineer or by a federal agency with responsibility for levee design. If you are unable to submit documentation by June 19, 2009, or if the submitted documentation is determined to be inadequate, FEMA will initiate a map revision to re-designate certain areas on the landward side of the levee as floodprone. This area will be remapped as being within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The SFHA is the area that is subject to flooding during the 1-percent-annual-chance flood.

The Lawrence Unit Levee was labeled as a PAL during the two-year PAL period to convey to map users that levee certification verification was underway. FEMA reiterates its recommendation to communities to increase floodplain management efforts and promote the purchase of flood insurance for all homes and businesses in areas impacted by levee systems, including areas that are impacted by levee systems that have been certified as providing 1-percent-annual-chance flood protection. Risk is dynamic and may not be completely eliminated by any levee system. Levee systems are designed and built to provide a certain level of flood protection and to reduce the risks associated with flooding events in general. Levee systems can be overtopped or fail during flood events that exceed the design-level storm. Additionally, it is highly recommended that you

consider this risk in your local emergency management plans, including creating evacuation plans for this area.

Please send all complete 44 CFR 65.10 data submissions to my attention on or before June 19, 2009. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the flood mapping for your community, please contact Dawn Kinsey, community outreach specialist, at (816) 283-7055.

Sincerely,



Melissa Janssen
Risk Analysis Branch Chief

Enclosure:

PAL Agreement

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