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Dear Ms. Dunkerley:

We would like to congratulate the Town of Rye and the State of New Hampshire for their dedication and commitment to mitigation planning. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I Mitigation Planning Team has completed its review of the Town of Rye, NH Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2016 and determined it meets the requirements of 44 C.F.R. Pt. 201.

With this plan approval, the Town of Rye is eligible to apply to the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility requirements identified for each of these programs. A specific mitigation activity or project identified in your community's plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding; even eligible mitigation activities or projects are not automatically approved.

Approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Complete information regarding the CRS can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>, or through your local floodplain administrator.

The Town of Rye, NH Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2016 must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within **five years of the plan approval date of December 20, 2016** in order to maintain eligibility for mitigation grant funding. We encourage the Town to continually update the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and implement, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

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Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Surette at (617) 956-7559.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Ford
Regional Administrator

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Enclosure