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Mr. Michael A. Sprayberry, Director  
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management  
4236 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4236

Attention: Mr. Chris Crew – State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Reference: Approval of the 2013 Updated North Carolina Standard State Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Sprayberry:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV has approved the updated 2013 North Carolina Standard State Mitigation Plan. This approval modifies the previous 2010 Standard Plan, which was approved on October 27, 2010. The Standard Plan designation becomes valid effective October 27, 2013 through October 26, 2016 at which time an updated plan must be approved to maintain program eligibility, per §201.4 Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR).

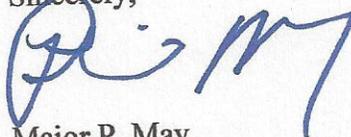
We commend the State of North Carolina and the State Hazard Mitigation Advisory Group for developing a solid, workable plan that demonstrates commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards and that will guide mitigation activities over the coming years. We acknowledge and support the State's intention to review and update the plan annually and after each presidential disaster declaration as needed.

We look forward to receiving the 2016 Standard Plan update for review, which will capture the experiences gained over the subsequent three years. A formal plan update is required at least once every three (3) years. If the Plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted to FEMA Region IV for formal review and approval.

In summary, the 2013 Standard Plan update continues to show that the State has a comprehensive mitigation program and is meeting expectations with not only FEMA programs but also state programs. Additional comments were provided by Region IV Program specialists for your information and continued use for plan documentation. The Mitigation office will continue to provide technical support through our Grants and Planning programs to the State. A draft of the next Standard State Plan update must be submitted to Region IV by April 2016, or no later than three months prior to the end of the three-year approval period of the existing plan.

We look forward to continuing a productive relationship between FEMA Region IV and the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency. If this office can be of further assistance, Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Brad Loar, Mitigation Division Director, at 770-220-5416.

Sincerely,

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Major P. May  
Regional Administrator