January 4, 2005

The Honorable Bob Taft
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Through: Kenneth L. Morckel, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety

RE: State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan Promulgation

Dear Governor Taft:

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations 44 Parts 201 and 206 Hazard Mitigation Planning and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; Interim Final Rule the Ohio Emergency Management Agency has completed a standard hazard mitigation plan for the State. The plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Washington D.C. requisite your signature as Governor.

Attached with this correspondence is an executive summary and promulgation letter. The executive summary provides a concise discussion of the key plan elements. Once the plan is promulgated, the State of Ohio will officially remain eligible for Public Assistance funding in the event of a presidential disaster declaration and all FEMA mitigation grants for the next three years.

In addition to the approved standard state mitigation plan we have provided a draft of an enhanced state mitigation plan to FEMA for review and comment. Approval of Ohio’s enhanced plan will triple the funding available to Ohio from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program associated with presidentially declared disasters.

Your signature will officially implement Ohio’s federally approved natural hazard mitigation plan.

Sincerely,

DALE W. SHIPLEY
Executive Director

DWS:RSW,rsw

Attachments

CC: Kenneth L. Morckel, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety
    Sam Speck, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Mission Statement
“to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio’s motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available.”