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May 3, 2007

Mr. Paul Phy, Esq.
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RE: Levee Certification Acceptance

Dear Mr. Phy:

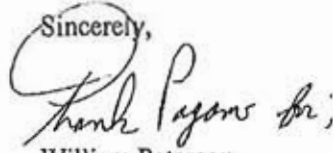
On June 27, 2005 and January 17, 2006, Halff Associates, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) study contractor, sent letters to the Irving Flood Control District requesting data and supporting documentation from the owner of their levees within Dallas County that are shown on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map as providing protection from the base flood. This included the IFCD #3 (Valley Ranch) Levee. FEMA Region 6 received the documentation and data requested in letters dated August 11, 2006 and November 21, 2006. The Section 3 (Valley Ranch) levee owned and operated by the Irving Flood Control District is located on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River and its extent is shown on the enclosed map.

This documentation and data have been reviewed by FEMA Region 6, and based on receipt of this information; it appears that the minimum certification requirements outlined in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 65.10 have been met. Therefore, this levee certification has been accepted and the levee system will be shown on the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps as providing protection from the base flood. The areas provided protection from the base flood by the levees will be mapped as a shaded Zone X and a note will be placed in those areas warning of the risk that still exists.

This certification is recognized for this map update only. Map updates in the future will require the levee to be re-certified by the levee owner. In addition, the levee owner may be requested at any time to provide design, construction, operation, and maintenance documents to support any activity on the levee after the date of this certification. Any deviation from the documentation and data submitted to FEMA could result in the levee system no longer providing protection from the base flood on future maps.

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The FEMA lead for this project is Jack Quarles, P.E. Mr. Quarles may be contacted at 940-898-5156. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Peterson
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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