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Charles Goldizen
Grant County Commission
Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Avenue
Petersburg, West Virginia 26847-1705

Dear Mr. Goldizen:

This letter is to remind you of the **September 18, 2009** deadline for your community to submit a 12-month progress report regarding the Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL) designation for the **North Petersburg Levee System** that is accredited on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and in the effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the **City of Petersburg, Grant County, West Virginia**. The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) received and accepted your signed PAL agreement for this levee, dated **September 16, 2008**. As a result, the levee was designated as a PAL on the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) for **City of Petersburg, Grant County, West Virginia** and Incorporated Areas during a 24-month PAL certification period that started on **September 18, 2008**. To date we have not received your 12 month progress report.

Pursuant to PAL Program requirements, your community must submit a progress report 12 months after the start of the 24-month PAL period to document progress toward obtaining the data and documentation required to show that this levee meets the criteria of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Chapter 1, Section 65.10 (44 CFR 65.10). If you are unable to submit this 12-month PAL progress report FEMA may initiate a map revision to re-designate certain areas on the landward side of the levee as Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The SFHA is the area that is subject to flooding during the 1-percent-annual-chance flood.

A template for the 12-month PAL progress report is enclosed. For your convenience, an electronic version of this PAL progress report template is available at www.r3levees.org.

Please send your completed 12-month PAL progress report to me on or before **October 30, 2009**. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the flood mapping for your community, please contact me by telephone at 215-931-5650, or by e-mail at robert.pierson@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Pierson".

Robert Pierson
Civil Engineer
Mitigation Division

Enclosure: Provisionally Accredited Levee Progress Report

cc: Gary Michael, Mayor, City of Petersburg (w/ enclosures)
Anthony Vidal, USACE-Baltimore District (w/ enclosures)
Robert L. Perry, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator (w/ enclosures)
Senator Byrd's State Office (w/o enclosures)
Senator Rockefeller's State Office (w/o enclosures)
Representative Mollohan's State Office (w/o enclosures)