September 5, 2007

Mr. Mark Carey, Director
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Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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RE: Independent Skagit Flood Research

Dear Mr. Carey,

Enclosed are electronic versions of the following reports:

At the request of the Councils of the Cities of Burlington and Mount Vernon, please include the information provided in these reports in your analysis of the Skagit base flood elevations. We believe that these reports provide additional compelling and defensible information that the historic flood estimates should be significantly reduced. Please incorporate this information into your hydrological analysis of the Skagit River.

Sincerely,

Bud Norris          Roger “Gus” Tjeerdsma
Mayor               Mayor
City of Mount Vernon City of Burlington

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RE: USGS Report re: Historic Unrecorded Flood Estimates, Skagit River

Dear Mr. Carey,

At the request of the Councils of the Cities of Burlington and Mount Vernon, please include the information provided in these letters in your analysis of the Skagit base flood elevations. It is the opinion of our City Engineers that the recent USGS report does not adequately consider information relevant to determining the magnitude of the unrecorded historic flood events.

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