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February 12, 2007

Mr. Jon T. Aarstad  
City Administrator  
City of Burlington  
900 E. Fairhaven  
Burlington, Washington 98233

RE: "Smith" House Preliminary Investigation

Dear Mr. Aarstad:

Thank you for your letter and report on the City of Burlington's "Smith" House investigation conducted in Hamilton, WA. We applaud the City's considerable efforts to gain valuable information to assist in the production of the forthcoming Revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Skagit County (and incorporated cities). This information will be added to the Skagit County FIS record and evaluated during the 90-day appeal period which is provided for all such studies.

It is our understanding that the Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of finishing their flood maps, which will then be submitted to FEMA for review and production of Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM). The DFIRM will be the basis for the start of the 90-day appeal period, and will be widely distributed for public review and comment.

Thank you again for submission of your report.

Sincerely,

Carl L. Cook, Jr., Director  
Mitigation Division

cc: Dan Sokol, WA Department of Ecology

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