



September 5, 2007

Mr. Mark Carey, Director
Mitigation Division(address)
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Region X
130 228th Street, SW
Bothell, Washington 98201-9796

RE: Independent Skagit Flood Research

Dear Mr. Carey,

Enclosed are electronic versions of the following reports:

1. Technical Memorandum, "Response to Review Comments by Wilbert O. Thomas on behalf of FEMA Region X for the Skagit River Flood Frequency Analysis." Pacific International Engineering, November 20, 2006.
2. "Skagit River Hydrology, Independent Technical Review, Final Report." Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, April 2007.
3. "Preliminary Investigation into Historic Flood Marks in the "Smith" House, Hamilton, Washington. City of Burlington, November 29, 2006.
4. Technical Memorandum, "Hydraulic Analysis – Smith House Flood Stages." Pacific International Engineering, May 31, 2007.
5. "An Independent Technical Review – Comments on Flood Frequency Analyses for the Skagit River, Skagit County, Washington." Hromadka and Associates, August 15, 2007.
6. Letter Report re: City of Hamilton Historic Flood Investigation, WJE No. 2006.5898. Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., Richard A Dethlefs, P.E., S.E.

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
Mayor
City of Mount Vernon

Roger "Gus" Tjeerdsma
Mayor
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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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