

## **8. Plan Adoption**

The Plan was submitted to the Pennsylvania State Hazard Mitigation Officer on July 16, 2013. It was forwarded to FEMA for final review and approval-pending-adoption on August 15, 2013. FEMA granted approval-pending-adoption on October 7, 2013. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopted the plan on October 11, 2013. Full approval from FEMA was received on October 18, 2013.

This section of the plan includes a copy of the adoption resolution passed by PEMA. A completed Standard State Mitigation Plan Review Crosswalk can be found in *Appendix B – Standard Plan Crosswalk*.



**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**  
**2013 Standard State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan**  
**State Adoption Resolution**

*WHEREAS*, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

*WHEREAS*, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency has the statutory duty to prepare, maintain, and keep current the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's emergency management plans to minimize injury and damage caused by disasters, and

*WHEREAS*, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities as a prerequisite to receiving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

*WHEREAS*, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 2013 Standard State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is an update to the Commonwealth's existing hazard mitigation plan, and has been developed consistent with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and through the efforts of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, members of the state hazard mitigation planning team, and other state and local agencies and organizations, and

*WHEREAS*, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's 2013 Standard State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce loss to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the Commonwealth and its local governments.

*NOW THEREFORE*, pursuant to the powers and duties of Section 7313 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency hereby adopts the 2013 Standard State All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as the hazard mitigation plan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*ADOPTED*, this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2013.

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FEMA

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Dear Mr. Cannon:

I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), formally approves the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Standard State Hazard Mitigation Plan, officially adopted by the State on October 11, 2013. The plan is now in compliance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U. S. C. 5165) requirements for a Standard State Mitigation Plan and is approved from the date of this letter for a period of three years through October 18, 2016.

FEMA Region III has concluded its review of the referenced plan in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201, *Mitigation Planning* and using FEMA's *Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance*, the official guidance to develop and review new and updated mitigation plans to meet requirements of 44 CFR 201.

The approval of this plan ensures the continued eligibility of non-emergency Stafford Act funding for the next three years within the State. This includes FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance programs, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (at the 15% level), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program as well as Fire Management Assistance Grant Program and Public Assistance grants (Categories C through G). Approval of this plan does not convey eligibility or pre-approval of projects contained in this plan. All requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted.

Prior to October 18, 2016, the State will be required to review and revise this plan to reflect changes in development, progress in State-wide mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit an updated plan for FEMA approval in order to continue to be eligible for the assistance programs referenced above.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 215-931-5600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MA Tierney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MaryAnn Tierney  
Regional Administrator

cc: Thomas S. Hughes, State Hazard Mitigation Officer