

August 21, 2007

Becky Voorhies
Grant Administrator
Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 664, Chanute, KS

RE: KAN STEP Fire Station - Altoona, KS
07-ST-701 CDGB Program - Kansas Dept. of Commerce

Dear Ms. Voorhies,

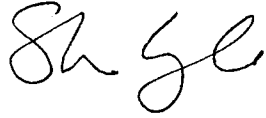
The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission's (Commission) July 24, 2007 request for environmental assessment comments as a part of the grant application process for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant will finance the applicant, the City of Altoona, to build a new fire station at 720 Main in Altoona, KS. Specifications about the site or proposed construction were not provided.

A review of regional geologic information along with a Google map of the City provided by the Commission indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project. However, environmental factors will likely be more site-specific in nature and dependent on historical use of the property or current structures, if any, at the site (e.g., fire training areas if the site was previously a fire station, USTs, etc.). However for the purposes of the application, clearance of the project should be granted. A completed request for environmental comments form is enclosed.

This letter is an assessment based on the regional geologic conditions available at the KGS at the time of writing and cannot be used in substitute of a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary characterization, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sh Lyle", written in a cursive style.

Shane Lyle, RG
Geology Extension Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

Request for Environmental Assessment Comments

REPLY REQUESTED BY: 8/24/07

TO: Kansas Geological Survey University of Kansas 1930 Constant Avenue, Campus West Lawrence, KS 66047 (Please indicate any change in address or personnel)	GRANT NUMBER AND PROGRAM: 07-ST-701 CDBG Program- Kansas Department of Commerce
APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS: The City of Altoona P.O. Box 147 Altoona, KS 66710	RETURN TO: Becky Voorhies, Grant Administrator Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission P.O. Box 664 Chanute, KS 66720-0664 520-431-0080
PROGRAM ACTIVITY/PROJECT NAME: KAN STEP Fire Station	LOCATION: Altoona, Kansas (Wilson County) This project will be located at 720 Main, Altoona, Kansas.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY/DESCRIPTION: This project will consist of constructing a new fire station.

REVIEW AGENCY COMMENTS:

No Comment _____
(Explain Below)

Project Approval X

Other _____

See comments in letter

SIGNATURE: 	TITLE: <i>Geology Extension Unit</i>	DATE: <i>8-21-07</i>
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