

March 19, 2008

Ms. Susan Galemore
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Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 664
Chanute, KS 66720-0664

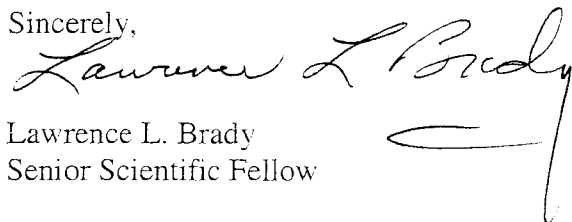
Dear Ms. Galemore:

I received your inquiry to the Kansas Geological Survey seeking input on "Environmental Assessment Comments" for housing acquisition, demolition and relocation for the City of Independence, Kansas. The project consists of housing acquisition, demolition and relocation in an area where flooding occurred during the flood of June 30, 2007. The flood lines are shown on the map attached with your letter. I understand that FEMA plans to buy-out approximately 86 residential and 5 commercial properties and 15 vacant lots in this flooded area.

It is my understanding that this review is necessary for the City of Independence to be considered for a grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program to pay for part of their share of the expense of this buyout. I do not recognize any specific problems with your request based on the information you have provided. Therefore, the Kansas Geological Survey provides the necessary clearance from our agency for your project and I have signed the form requesting environmental assessment comments.

The above discussion represents our best assessment based on the information that the Kansas Geological Survey has about this locality and/or proposed project at the time of this writing. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this housing demolition and relocation. The information provided in this letter is from regional or countywide studies and should not be used as a substitute for detailed site characterization, if necessary, by a licensed geologist or engineer. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any required site characterizations.

Sincerely,


Lawrence L. Brady
Senior Scientific Fellow

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Request for Environmental Assessment Comments

REPLY REQUESTED BY: 4-14-08

TO: Larry Brady 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: Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program
APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS: The City of Independence 120 N. 6th Independence, KS 67301	RETURN TO: Susan Galemore, Grant Administrator Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission P.O. Box 664 Chanute, KS 66720-0664 620-431-0080
PROGRAM ACTIVITY/PROJECT NAME: Housing Acquisition, demolition and relocation	LOCATION: Independence, Kansas (Montgomery County) The project will be confined to the target area designated on the attached map.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY/DESCRIPTION: This project will consist of housing acquisition, demolition and relocation in an area designated by the map attached. This area was flooded on June 30, 2007 and is undergoing a FEMA buy-out of approximately 86 residential, 5 commercial properties and 15 vacant lots.

REVIEW AGENCY COMMENTS:

No Comment ☐

Project Approval ☐

Other ☒ (Explain Below)

See attached letter

SIGNATURE: <i>Laurence L. Brady</i>	TITLE: <i>Senior Scientific Fellow</i>	DATE: <i>3/19/08</i>
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INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

