

March 31, 2009

Carol Torkelson, Project Administrator
North Central Regional Planning Commission
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Re: City of Abilene USDA Rural Development HPG program environmental review

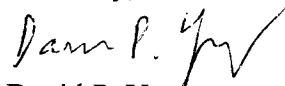
Dear Ms. Torkelson,

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received your March 12, 2009 letter requesting us to review the above referenced project. The project will involve housing rehabilitation efforts to assist low and very low income homeowners to make essential repairs to their homes and for funds to administer the grant.

A review of regional geologic information and project information provided by you indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project. Your letter indicates that no environmentally sensitive lands will be affected and that environmental hazards are not expected to exist. Site-specific conditions should be considered prior to any construction. Also, you indicate that there will be no improvements made to homes within the flood plain. Two FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps are enclosed for reference.

This letter is an assessment based on information about the regional geologic conditions available via the KGS 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 of the project. 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.

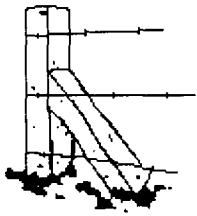
Sincerely,



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Hydrologist

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cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library



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March 12, 2009

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Re: City of Abilene in Dickinson County USDA Rural Development HPG program environmental review

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Abilene plans to apply to USDA Rural Development for Housing Preservation Grant funds. These funds will augment previously received HOME awards for the community. This notification is being sent in order to seek comments regarding the environmental review for the proposed project. The project will comply with appropriate state laws concerning the application.

The project will involve housing rehabilitation efforts to assist low and very low-income homeowners to make essential repairs to their homes and for funds to administer the grant. The application will be submitted to USDA Rural Development, 1303 SW First American Place, suite 100, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4040.

Included for your review are

- A fully completed SF 424
- A site map
- A brief project description
- Budget information

The City has contracted with the North Central Regional Planning Commission to manage their HOME project and should the HPG project be awarded, the NCRPC will also administer that program. We are therefore preparing the application for HPG on their behalf and conducting the environmental review notification.

We would appreciate your review of the project description and location, and any comments you may have, within 30 days which would be April 12, 2009. A project review form is enclosed for your use. Please disregard the enclosed review/response form if you prefer to respond with a letter or with your own form. Please call me at the North Central Regional Planning Commission at 785-738-2218 or e-mail ctorkelson@nckcn.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Torkelson
Project Administrator

Enclosures

Other documentation not scanned.
Available in open file.