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Subject: Thank you - CRS Follow Up

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Leaders,

Thank you all for taking the time to meet with myself, Administrator Criswell, and our floodplain management staff throughout this week. I received your letter this afternoon and please know, it is our goal to help each of you prevent a Community Rating System retrograde and maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

I realize the large amount of documentation you are all working to collect, and I've already reached back to my colleagues at headquarters to see if we can grant any additional time to the original 30-day deadline. I hope to have an answer to this as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we are all in agreement that each community should be working toward resolution of the issues and items outlined in the findings reports you received March 8. As discussed on Thursday, if your community has other properties in the special flood hazard area where you've taken actions, those should also be submitted, so we know the entire universe of what you are doing to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

Additionally, during our meeting on Thursday you requested an extension for the currently scheduled recertification process due May 1st. I would like to let you know that we are granting an additional 90 days to each of you for the submittal of your information for recertification. I hope this lets you fully focus on gathering the information and documents needed to avoid retrograde.

You also asked if we could provide additional staff to help support dialogue and document review over the 30 day period. I wanted to let you know that we have deployed three additional FEMA staff members to supplement the two already in the area to be able to assist with gathering necessary information, answering questions and handling data analytics and reporting during this time.

We are committed to transparency and communication in this partnership and appreciate your support.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me during this process with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
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