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Dear Mr. Lyons:

I am responding to your letter dated December 3, 2003, requesting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) review the Interim Staff Guidance Related to Early Site Permit (ESP) Application Reviews.

After review of the Interim Staff Guidance Related to ESP Application Reviews, FEMA has no comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide input on this important guidance. If you have any further questions regarding this review, please feel free to contact me at (202) 646-3664.

Sincerely,

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