Dear Dr. Howard-Vital:

The Cheyney University of Pennsylvania Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted on June 9, 2009, has been received by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The plan is now approved. As such, the Cheyney University of Pennsylvania is now eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance until the Cheyney University Hazard Mitigation Plan expires on July 26, 2015.

We have reviewed the Cheyney University Hazard Mitigation Plan based on the standards contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). These criteria address the planning process, hazard identification and risk assessment, mitigation strategy and plan maintenance requirements.

Your plan received a "satisfactory" rating for all required criteria. However, the DMA2K also includes a provision to encourage communities to continuously strive to improve their plans and resulting mitigation actions. Therefore, the plan must be reviewed, revised if appropriate, and resubmitted for approval within five years of the initial approval date of July 26, 2010 in order to continue to be eligible for federal disaster assistance.

We encourage you to participate in the expansion and documentation of the plan's assessment and analysis of mitigation measures. We also encourage you to follow the schedule for regular evaluation, updating, and monitoring.

If you have questions, please contact Thomas Hughes, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at (717) 651-2726.

I commend you for your dedication demonstrated in preparing and adopting a strategy to reduce future disaster losses.

Sincerely,

Eugene Gruber
Mitigation Division Director

cc: Thomas S. Hughes, Pennsylvania State Hazard Mitigation Officer