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**DRAFT**

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

I am responding to your letter dated August 31, 2004 requesting an extension to your Local All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) submittal deadline and your request for financial assistance with completing your LHMP.

The LHMP must be completed before the Kenai Peninsula Borough is eligible to apply for any Mitigation Grant Program funding after November 1, 2004. This is a federal regulation; therefore I cannot grant nor deny a request for an extension. KPB will not be eligible to apply for funding under these programs until the plan is completed, adopted by the community, and approved by FEMA.

I can fulfill your request for \$6,000 from our Tsunami Awareness Program to complete your LHMP. However, this is only available with the stipulation that along with completing the Weather Section, you complete a Tsunami Hazard Section in your plan in order to use this funding source. To that end, I have forwarded the State Weather Section, the State Tsunami Section, and a sample Local Government Tsunami Hazard Section via e-mail. These materials should assist you greatly with developing these sections of your plan.

Please notify me if you are able to complete the tsunami section of your LHMP with these funds so I can begin the funding award amendment process. Call me with any concerns or need for additional information.

Sincerely,

R. Scott Simmons  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer