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Robert Nyce, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Nyce:

In accordance with the Independent Regulatory Review Commission process, I forwarded Regulations #30-55, 30-56, 30-57 and 30-58 to the members of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee for their review. Upon hearing no objections from the Committee members, Chairman Michlovic and I see no need for the Committee to formally meet to approve these drought/water use regulations. Therefore, I am writing to inform you that the Committee does not oppose the provisions of these four (4) PEMA regulations.

Nonetheless, enclosed you will find an addendum to this letter which notes an observation made by Chairman Michlovic. In particular, Chairman Michlovic is concerned with the "county based" declaration system which is used by PEMA for drought declarations.

Thank you for all of the time and effort that you and your staff have put forth on these important drought/water use regulations. The provisions in these regulations will indeed enhance the Commonwealth's ability to react to future drought emergencies.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Semmel
Majority Chairman
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Emergency Preparedness Committee

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Enclosure