



FEMA

September 18, 2009

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New Orleans, LA 70118

Re: **FEMA 09-325**

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

This is the final response to your March 6, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). According to your request, you seek a list of counties that contain levees, sorted by state, as well as the associated population information. Your request is in regard to the quote from the 2nd paragraph of The National Levee Challenge- Levees and the FEMA Flood Map Modernization Initiative Report of the Interagency Levee Policy Review Committee. This office received your request on March 10, 2009.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Mitigation Office for records that would be responsive to your request and produced 19 pages.

We are granting your request under the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and DHS' implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. Chapter I and Part 5. After carefully reviewing the responsive document, it is determined that the document is appropriate for full release. It is enclosed in its entirety; no deletions or exemptions have been claimed.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need to contact us about this request, please refer to **FEMA 09-325**. You may contact this office at 202-646-3323.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alisa T. Henderson".

Alisa T. Henderson
Chief, Disclosure Branch
Office of Records Management
Management Directorate

Enclosure(s): Responsive documents, 19 pages

Summary Statistics: Taken from FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program Files

Number of counties with levees:	883
Percentage of nation's counties with levees:	28.06%
Population living in counties with levees:	156,615,630
Percentage of nation's population living counties with levees:	54.83%