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Tyrus Fain
President
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Dear Mr. Fain:

I want to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the Rio Grande Institute on receiving FEMA's approval of the Cover the Border Local Mitigation Plan. By receiving this approval you remain eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program funds. The effort put into developing this plan demonstrates you are committed to implementing actions that eliminate or reduce the severity of hazards on people and property in your jurisdiction.

Again, I extend you my congratulations. If we can be of further assistance, please contact my Mitigation staff at 512-424-2429.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Colley".

Jack Colley
Chief

Cc: Ken Tobin, Biology and Chemistry Professor, Texas A&M International University