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Mr. Paul W. Tyshenchenko
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RE: Comprehensive Public Safety Tower Plan

Dear Mr. Tyshenchenko

The New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT) through the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Service (OETS) has reviewed the proposals submitted from seven South Jersey Counties to erect Public Safety Communications Towers in the Pinelands Management Area. In each of the proposals submitted by a County it has been demonstrated that there is a critical lack of Public Safety Communications proximate to the to the proposed tower site along with the inability to reach out of the area to obtain essential resources and coordinate incidents occurring within the Pinelands.

The tower locations were chosen after much deliberation and effort was expended trying to locate sites outside of the Pinelands to serve the critical Public Safety needs. Where possible, sites were found outside of the Pinelands. These proposals represent sites where no reasonable alternative could be found. In each of the requests there is a "critical Public Safety Need". The Comprehensive Public Safety Tower Plan for the Pinelands represents our best effort to develop essential Public Safety Communications in this protected area.

In the event there are any questions please contact me at 609 777-3698.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig A. Reiner".

Craig A. Reiner, Director
Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services