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**RE: Amendment to Comprehensive Public Safety Tower Plan**

Dear Mr. Liggett

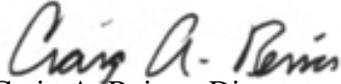
The New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT) through the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Service (OETS) has reviewed Ocean County proposed amendment to the Tower Siting Police of the Public Safety Tower Plan and is in full support. This amendment will permit counties the flexibility in siting towers for critical public safety communications within a three mile radius as well as the ability to utilize developed publicly owned land where appropriate.

As you are aware the current Plan was developed with input from the counties in 2012. Changes in technology and impending FCC requirements since then has mandated the transition the 700 MHz public safety spectrum. With this 700 MHz transition, the locations identified in 2012 are more tolerant to change and the three mile flexibility would not adversely affect system performance while permitting the counties in some cases to construct on developed publicly owned land.

The tower locations identified in 2012 were chosen after much deliberation and effort was expended trying to locate sites outside of the Pinelands to serve the critical Public Safety needs. As counties now begin construction of their systems difficulty developing the initial locations in some cases has become problematic. This amendment maintains the mission of the Pinelands Commission while expediting the construction of several public safety radio systems and potentially saving tax payer dollars.

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

Sincerely

  
Craig A. Reiner, Director  
Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services