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Mr. Arturo Avila
 Fire Chief of Weslaco OPA
 120 East 5th Street
 Weslaco, Texas 78596

Place Code: Hidalgo: 21599

Dear Mr. Avila:

Insurance Services Office (ISO) has submitted a recommendation that extends your fire department response to an area outside the city limits. This area is considered an Outside Protected Area (OPA) and is limited to the area indicated on the map which accompanied the request. Please note this does not apply to the area within the city limits or the area covered by the Public Protection Classification (PPC). Currently, the area outlined in the OPA is unclassified.

Insurance Services Office is recommending the Public Protection Classification for the OPA be changed to a split Class 4/9 with an effective date of 09/01/2010. The recommendation is based on a review of your community performed on 11/17/2009 and does include application of the Texas Addendum.

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With a split Class 4/9, all class-rated properties located within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant and within 5 miles of a fire station will use Class 4. All class-rated properties located farther than 1000 feet of a fire hydrant and within 5 miles of a fire station will use Class 9.

Public Protection Classifications range from 1 (best) to 10 (worst).

We have reviewed the information provided and believe it is sufficient to grant approval. Enclosed is a PPC Submittal sheet indicating the point totals for the major areas associated with the review. We will notify Insurance Services Office of our approval of the recommendation and of the 09/01/2010 effective date.

If you have any questions regarding this change, I may be reached at the address indicated above or by telephone at (512) 305-7941.

Please make sure all community officials and residents within your district are notified of the new Public Protection Classification rating for your community, and the effective date.

Sincerely,

Jesse Williams
 Jesse James Williams
 Deputy State Fire Marshal
 PPC Oversight Officer

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