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The Honorable Bob Elliott  
Mayor, City of Fort Meade  
8 West Broadway  
Fort Meade, Florida 33841

Dear Mayor Elliott:

The Department has completed its 60-day preliminary sufficiency review of the adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the City of Fort Meade, adopted on May 12, 2009, by Resolution Number 09-06. The Department has determined that the adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) is sufficient, pursuant to Subsection 163.3191(2), Florida Statutes. This finding of sufficiency also serves as the Department's final determination on the Report.

Please note that a sufficiency determination does not constitute a compliance review of the proposed plan amendments identified in the report. The amendments referenced in the Report, as well as any other amendments shall be reviewed for consistency with Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code, when submitted as proposed amendments.

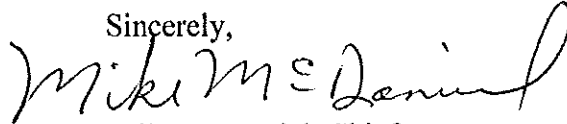
Although the EAR has been determined to be sufficient, the Department offers the following recommendations and comments in order for the document to provide effective guidance in the development of the subsequent EAR based amendments.

- The population projection in the EAR does not include seasonal residents. The population projection should be revised to include an analysis of seasonal residents in order to properly project the functional population that will be used for planning purposes.
- The City will need to submit its proposed 10-year water supply facilities work plan and also address the potable water operating level of service (LOS) which exceeds the adopted standard of 112 MGD.
- The EAR did not identify the requirement that "public facilities" shall be in place and available to serve new development no later than the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, as required by Section 163.3180(2)(a), F.S. The City will need to include a policy to address this provision in the EAR-based amendments.

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The Department commends the City for successfully completing its EAR. The Department's staff is available to provide assistance to the Town as it prepares the EAR-based amendments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Chris A. Wigglesworth Senior Planner, at 850-922-1826.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Mike McDaniel, Chief  
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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cc: Ms. Patricia Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council