



*Vrooman Road Planning Study  
December 12, 2005 (Updated January, 2007 & May, 2008)*

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## **APPENDIX E**

### **LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COORDINATION LETTER**

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April 11, 2006

James R. Gills, County Engineer  
Lake County Engineer's Office  
550 Blackbrook Rd.  
Painesville, OH 44077

RE: Vrooman Rd. Bridge Project

Dear Mr. Gills:

As the person fundamentally responsible for disaster planning and preparedness for Lake County, I would like to express my concern with the deteriorating condition of Vrooman Rd. and lend support to the high-level bridge project being proposed by the Lake County Engineer's Office. EMA planners see two problems with Vrooman Rd. First, the 16-ton weight restriction on its bridge over the Grand River prohibits the crossing of large-truck traffic. The fact the roadway is susceptible to seasonal flooding is the second. This is why EMA does not include the road as a dedicated evacuation route in either the county Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) or the Emergency Preparedness Information (EPI) brochure mailed to residents living inside the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

With that said, I believe the proposed high-level bridge is definitely needed to transform Vrooman Rd into a viable transportation asset. The roadway's direct access to Interstate 90 is critical to potential evacuation of those residents living within the 10-mile EPZ, as well as the ability to efficiently deliver critical resources back into the area if needed. With terrorism as the catalyst, both topics are currently in the forefront of disaster planning at all governmental levels.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer my support of the Vrooman Rd. bridge project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Greene, Director  
Lake County Emergency Management Agency