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DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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CHIEF JUDGE

December 11, 2014

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Re: Letters to Hurricane Sandy Litigation Committee

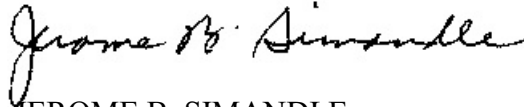
Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your recent letters to the Hurricane Sandy Litigation Committee of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey pertaining to issues related to Judge Brown's decision in Raimey v. Wright National Flood Insurance Co. in the Eastern District of New York. The Committee has discussed these matters and does not see a need for district-wide action at this time. The letter of December 5, 2014 from FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate, requiring, among other things, that all draft and final engineering reports evaluating flood loss claims be made available to policyholders and their counsel for the sake of transparency, resolves this matter. The Committee expects that FEMA and all WYO carriers and their counsel will promptly obtain and turn over all such documents to plaintiffs' counsel without the necessity for further court intervention. Judges in individual cases will have the opportunity to take appropriate action if such compliance is not forthcoming, or to address unique factors in a particular case.

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All counsel are reminded that full compliance is required with all discovery obligations in Sandy Litigation, by plaintiffs and defendants alike, in a timely fashion, as set forth in Case Management Order No. 1 and in any other Orders of the Court.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome B. Simandle".

JEROME B. SIMANDLE
Chief U.S. District Judge

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cc: Members of the Hurricane Sandy Litigation Committee
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