



FEMA

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The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
State Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

This is in response to your June 29, 2009, request for a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of severe storms beginning on May 28, 2009, and continuing. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties and Hazard Mitigation for the entire Commonwealth.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the Commonwealth, affected local governments, and voluntary agencies. Accordingly, we have determined that supplemental Federal assistance is not necessary. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for a major disaster declaration is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Jonathan Sarubbi, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region III, located at:

One Independence Mall, 6th Floor
615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4404

I regret that we could not respond favorably to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator