



FEMA

November 3, 2016

The Honorable Mark Dayton  
Governor of Minnesota  
116 Veterans Service Building  
20 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

This is in response to your October 19, 2016, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Minnesota due to damage resulting from severe storms and flooding during the period of September 21-24, 2016. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for four counties, Public Assistance for nine counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The November 2, 2016, major disaster declaration FEMA-4290-DR authorized Public Assistance for Blue Earth, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele, and Waseca Counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The damage to the infrastructure was significant in the areas designated for Public Assistance. However, based on our review of all of the information available, including the results of the joint federal, state, and local government Preliminary Damage Assessment, it has been determined that the impact to individuals and households from this event was not of the severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of Individual Assistance under FEMA-4290-DR. Therefore, your request for Individual Assistance is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. Any appeal pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.46, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to me through Andrew Velasquez III, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V, located at 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Zimmerman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Elizabeth A. Zimmerman  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Response and Recovery