



FEMA

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The Honorable Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

This is in response to your August 17, 2018, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Iowa as a result of severe storms and tornadoes on July 19, 2018. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for two counties, Public Assistance for four counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The September 12, 2018, major disaster declaration FEMA-4392-DR authorized Public Assistance for Lee, Marion, Marshall, and Van Buren Counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The damage to the infrastructure was significant in each of the designated counties. However, our review of all the information available, including the results of the joint Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment, it has been determined that the impact to the individuals and households from this event was not of such severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of Individual Assistance under FEMA-4392-DR. Therefore your request for Individual Assistance 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 me through Paul Taylor, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VII, located at 11224 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Byard", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Jeff Byard
Associate Administrator
Office of Response and Recovery