



FEMA

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The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor of Michigan
111 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

This is in response to your January 14, 2016, request for an expedited major disaster declaration for the State of Michigan as a result of water contamination described in your request as beginning on April 25, 2014, and continuing. You specifically requested Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, including direct federal assistance for Genesee County and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Based on our review of all of the information available, a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act is not appropriate. The request does not meet the legal definition of a "major disaster" under 42 U.S.C. § 5122, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.2(17). The incident was not a result of a natural catastrophe, nor was it caused by a fire, flood, or explosion.

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 the President 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 "W. Craig Fugate", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator