



FEMA

March 10, 2016

The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Rauner:

This is in response to your February 26, 2016, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of Illinois as a result of severe storms and flooding during the period of December 23, 2015 to January 13, 2016. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for 10 counties, Public Assistance for 16 counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the damage from this event was not of such severity and magnitude as to be beyond the capabilities of the state, 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. 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, Floor 6, Chicago, IL 60605.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator