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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

This is in response to your May 24, 2011, request for a major disaster declaration for the State of New York as a result of severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, and straight-line winds during the period of April 26 to May 8, 2011. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for 15 counties, Public Assistance for 21 counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The June 10, 2011, major disaster declaration FEMA-1993-DR authorized Public Assistance for the 21 requested counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide. On June 29, 2011, a subsequent amendment authorized Public Assistance for two additional counties.

The damage to the infrastructure was significant in each of the areas designated for Public Assistance. However, based on the results of the joint Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments, it has been determined that the damage to the residences as a result of this event was not of the severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of the Individual Assistance program under major disaster declaration, FEMA-1993-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 Lynn Canton, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region II, located at:

Jacob K. Javits Federal Office Building
26 Federal Plaza, Room 1311
New York, New York 10278-0002

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Zimmerman".

Elizabeth A. Zimmerman
Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Response and Recovery