



FEMA

March 14, 2016

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

Dear Governor Snyder:

This is in response to your March 2, 2016, letter appealing the denial of specific types of assistance under FEMA-3375-EM. You appealed the denial of the Individuals and Households Program and reimbursement for emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program for Genesee County. You also requested the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; however, that program is not available under an emergency declaration.

After a thorough review and careful consideration of all of the information included in your appeal, we reaffirm the original determination that additional Stafford Act assistance, beyond that which has already been authorized under FEMA-3375-EM, is not appropriate for this event. Therefore, your appeal for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Individuals and Households Program, and reimbursement for emergency protective measures for Genesee County is denied.

It is recognized that substantial costs have been incurred at the state and local levels in responding to the health concerns associated with the water contamination. The assistance FEMA has provided and continues to provide is intended to address the immediate emergency needs caused by the water contamination. Following the President's emergency declaration, FEMA provided over 2 million liters of water for distribution, over 55,000 water and pitcher filters, and over 236,000 filter replacement cartridges. In addition, FEMA and the other federal agencies continue to offer expertise and technical assistance as needed. The remaining response efforts required to address the long term health concerns associated with the water contamination fall under the authorities of the State and other federal agencies currently responding to the incident.

We look forward to continuing to support the State of Michigan and the City of Flint with the assistance we are providing through the emergency declaration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Zimmerman".

Elizabeth A. Zimmerman
Associate Administrator

Office of Response and Recovery