



FEMA

September 26, 2023

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro:

This is in response to your July 31, 2023, request for a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of a severe storm, straight-line winds, and flooding on July 9, 2023. You specifically requested Individual Assistance and Public Assistance for Berks County and Hazard Mitigation for the entire commonwealth.

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 commonwealth, 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.

FEMA's Region III Regional Administrator will communicate any additional resources that may be available through Other Federal Agencies and/or volunteer organizations to address unmet needs for survivor assistance. In addition, FEMA will coordinate with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to identify additional damage information to support an appeal if necessary.

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 MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region III, located at One Independence Mall, 615 Chestnut Street, 6th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deanne Criswell".

Deanne Criswell
Administrator