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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

This is in response to your May 30, 2013, appeal for a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas as a result of an explosion on April 17, 2013. ~~You specifically appealed the denial of your request for Individual Assistance, including Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Disaster Legal Services for McLennan County and Hazard Mitigation statewide.~~

~~On April 19, 2013, President Obama authorized emergency declaration FEMA-3369-EM for the State of Texas. The emergency declaration and subsequent amendments authorized the Individuals and Households Program and assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program for McLennan County.~~

~~After a thorough review of all the information contained in the initial request and your appeal, we reaffirm our original findings that the impact from this event is not of the severity and magnitude that warrants a major disaster declaration for the additional Individual Assistance programs. Therefore, I must inform you that your appeal for a major disaster declaration is denied.~~

I regret that a favorable conclusion could not be reached in this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate", written over a horizontal line.

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator