



FEMA

March 15, 2024

The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Governor of Pennsylvania  
508 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro:

This is in response to your January 20, 2024, appeal for a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of severe storms and flooding during the period of September 9-10, 2023. You specifically appealed the denial of your request for Public Assistance for Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties.

After a thorough review of all the information contained in your initial request and 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. Therefore, I must inform you that your appeal for a major disaster declaration is denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanne Criswell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deanne Criswell  
Administrator