



FEMA

OCT - 8 2019

The Honorable Roy Cooper  
Governor of North Carolina  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

This is in response to your September 13, 2019 request and September 21, 2019 amended request for a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina as a result of Hurricane Dorian during the period of September 1-9, 2019. You specifically requested Individual Assistance for four counties; Public Assistance, including direct Federal assistance for 14 counties; and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

The October 4, 2019, major disaster declaration FEMA-4465-DR authorized Public Assistance for the 14 requested counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide. Direct Federal assistance was authorized.

The damage to the infrastructure was significant in each of the areas designated for Public Assistance. However, based on our review of all the information available, including the results of the joint federal, state, and local government Preliminary Damage Assessments, it has been determined that the impact to the individuals and households from this event is not of such severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of Individual Assistance under FEMA-4465-DR. Therefore, your request for Individual Assistance is denied.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to me through Gracia B. Szczech, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV, located at 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Byard", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Jeff Byard  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Response and Recovery