



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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September 2, 2014

Ms. Janet Odeshoo  
Acting Regional Administrator  
FEMA Region V  
536 South Clark Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Ms. Odeshoo:

I appreciate FEMA returning to Minnesota last week to review damages sustained by Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties from the storm earlier this summer. We were pleased to see Hennepin and Ramsey counties added to FEMA-4182-DR-MN, and hope to see the same for Dakota County.

I am writing to inform you that the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management team is working with Dakota County on an appeal of FEMA's denial for inclusion of Dakota County for Public Assistance under FEMA-4182-DR-MN. This year's preliminary damage assessment was a frustrating experience for everyone involved. We believe our counties were held to a higher standard of documentation than previous disasters, and sites were reduced or completely removed without warrant.

You will receive our appeal from Ms. Kris Eide, Director, Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as soon as the appeal work is complete.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton  
Governor

cc: Ms. Kris Eide, Director,  
MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management