



FEMA

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The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor of West Virginia
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Governor Tomblin:

This is in response to your February 19, 2014, request for a time extension to request a major disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia due to a chemical spill during the period of January 9-20, 2014.

The basis of your request is that additional time is needed due to the complexity of the situation and extraordinary response demands on local, state, and federal agencies. You further indicate that an extension will permit the state to develop realistic estimates of the costs and impact of this ongoing event which can be used to determine the appropriateness of requesting a major disaster declaration.

In light of these extenuating circumstances, your request for an extension is approved until March 21, 2014. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your deadline, please contact MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region III at (215) 931-5604.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Zimmerman".

Elizabeth A. Zimmerman
Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Response and Recovery