



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

April 25, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Through:  
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Denver Federal Center  
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Dear Mr. President:

On March 11, 2011, I requested an emergency declaration, as a result of an imminent threat of spring flooding, which according to the National Weather Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was projected to potentially catastrophically impact the state of South Dakota. At the time of the request, the outlook was grim and the state was making provisions to respond to a disaster that was going to impact a large number of our citizens.

Fortunately, the spring flooding concerns lessened due to a cool down in the weather that allowed the snow to melt gradually rather than quickly. Unfortunately, the state still did see significant damage to public infrastructure even though the snow melt was more gradual.

Based upon findings of state and local government assessments, the imminent threat of catastrophic flooding has subsided enough that an emergency declaration is not needed. Therefore, I respectfully withdraw my March 11, 2011, request for an emergency declaration. In the weeks to come, the state and local governments will continue to assess the on-going damage to public infrastructure as a result of the gradual snow melt, and I reserve my right to request a major declaration based upon those findings.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daugaard  
Governor