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Federal officials deny request for assistance, Franklin County Emergency Management Agency officials support appeal.

FCEMA officials will support any requests from IEMA to assist in the appeal process.

(Franklin County, Illinois) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials notified the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) yesterday evening that the decision had been made not to provide individual assistance to citizens affected by March flooding in Southern Illinois; it's a decision that Franklin County Emergency Management officials want them to reconsider. "It is very disappointing to hear the Federal government's response to the State's request for assistance, we are eager to begin working with officials from IEMA on the possibility of an appeal," said Director Ryan M. Buckingham.

Earlier this month, personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Small Business Administration, and other local officials toured Franklin County to talk with residents affected by floodwaters, and to conduct a thorough inspection of local flood damages. "As we were touring the affected areas, we explained to the team of Federal assessors the history of our region, our current economic situation, and the effects this disaster will have on local residents," said Director Buckingham.

Franklin County Emergency Management Agency staff will join the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and other affected jurisdictions on a conference call later this week to discuss the appeal process. "Our agency will support any requests from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to aid in the appeal process, we understand how important individual assistance can be to those who were affected".

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