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Whitman Letter to Clinton

Attached is a copy of Gov. Whitman's request for an emergency declaration that was submitted to the President this morning. The declaration was approved shortly after its receipt.

An emergency declaration allows for the deployment of federal emergency response personnel, equipment and assets. In addition, the declaration could provide for reimbursement of qualified costs associated with emergency response activities.

Gov. Whitman will submit a request for a disaster declaration immediately following the completion of a damage assessment. The declaration of a disaster allows for the funding of disaster relief to public entities, businesses and individuals as well as funding for mitigation against future similar disasters.

[Attachment](#)