



**FEMA**

July 22, 2011

The Honorable Tim Johnson  
United States Senator  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your letter dated July 12, 2011, in which you requested an extension of the Standard Flood Insurance Policy requirement that National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policyholders in South Dakota send a complete, signed, and sworn to Proof of Loss form to the insurer.

The NFIP has begun the process of extending that policy requirement by an additional 60 days, not only for South Dakota, but also for the other states affected by the flood-in-progress on the Missouri River and the four counties affected by the flooding from the Souris River. The bulletin(s) will be published before you receive this letter.

We appreciate your work on behalf of the residents of South Dakota and as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. We look forward to working with you, members of the committee, and their staff in the future to help promote the importance of purchasing a flood insurance policy before flooding is imminent.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact FEMA's Legislative Affairs Division by telephone at (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

W. Craig Fugate  
Administrator