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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: IS-13-005

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Heather Manzano /s/ *Heather Manzano* 7/5/2013
Acting Deputy Administrator for Insurance Services

SUBJECT: Common Land Unit Acreage Reporting Plan – Revised

BACKGROUND:

Beginning in the 2010 Reinsurance Year, the Standard Reinsurance Agreement, Appendix III established Common Land Unit (CLU) reporting requirements for Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs). AIPs requested the Risk Management Agency (RMA) clarify these reporting requirements by providing the agency's plan to expand reporting requirements in subsequent reinsurance years. Through the efforts of an industry workgroup, a plan was developed for providing direction on the reporting requirements. On April 6, 2012, RMA issued the CLU Acreage Reporting Plan through Informational Memorandum IS-12-002.

ACTION:

The Land Identification Implementation "CLU Acreage Reporting Plan for Reinsurance Years 2010 - 2016" has been **revised** (for 2014 and 2015) and is attached. As provided in the attached plan, these requirements are designed to serve as a roadmap to the future while recognizing modifications may result as additional program benefits or challenges are identified.

AIPs are advised that substantial non-compliance with the reporting requirements issued in Appendix III as a result of this plan may be subject to penalties under Section IV(H) of the Standard Reinsurance Agreement.

DISPOSAL DATE:

December 31, 2013.

ATTACHMENT

**RMA Land Identification Implementation
 CLU Acreage Reporting Plan
 Reinsurance Years (RY) 2010 – 2016**

Note: RY 2014 – 2015 CLU Acreage Reporting Requirements Revised*

Reinsurance Year 2014	Appendix III Requirement	Producer Requirements
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the accounting cutoff date in December 2014, each AIP must report 75%* of the total acreage reported for insurance plans 01, 02, and 03 (catastrophic and additional coverage) must be reported by CLU on the Type 27 record with a Reported Land Identifier Type Code of “C”. 2. Acreage covered by an accepted Written Agreement must be reported by CLU when required by the Written Agreement. 3. All acreage in a unit containing acreage identified as new breaking or former CRP acreage must be reported by CLU as required by the Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH). 4. Acreage, regardless of the insurance plan, accepted on the Type 27 record with a Land Identifier Type Code of “C” will count towards the 75%* acreage requirement. 5. The total acreage used to calculate the 75%* will be determined using only acreage from the Type 11 for those counties where Comprehensive Information Management System (CIMS) has provided complete and valid CLU data in each of the Geographic Information System (GIS) CLU files released from February prior to the RY through December of the RY. 	<p>Insureds may voluntarily report acreage by CLU or the AIP may derive the data.</p> <p>Exception: Insureds must report acreage by CLU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When required by Written Agreement; and 2. For units containing new breaking or former Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage as required by the CIH.

Reinsurance Year 2015	Appendix III Requirement	Producer Requirements
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By the accounting cutoff date in November 2015, each AIP must report 85%* of the total acreage reported for all applicable insurance plans and coverage types (e.g. catastrophic, additional), provided in Appendix III, must be reported by CLU on the Type 27 record with a Reported Land Identifier Type Code of “C”. 	<p>Insureds may voluntarily report acreage by CLU or the AIP may derive the data.</p> <p>Exception: Insureds</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Acreage covered by an accepted Written Agreement must be reported by CLU when required by the Written Agreement. 3. All acreage in a unit containing acreage identified as new breaking or former CRP acreage must be reported by CLU as required by the CIH. 4. Acreage, regardless of the insurance plan, accepted on the Type 27 record with a Land Identifier Type Code of "C" will count towards the 85%* acreage requirement. 5. The total acreage used to calculate the 85%* will be determined using only acreage from the Type 11 for those counties where CIMS has provided complete and valid CLU data in each of the GIS CLU files released from February prior to the RY through December of the RY. 	<p>must report acreage by CLU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When required by Written Agreement; and 2. For units containing new breaking or former CRP acreage as required by the CIH.
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