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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Missouri

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SUBJECT: Actuarial Rates Resulting from Unrepaired Levees in Ray and Carroll Counties, Missouri

BACKGROUND

Due to the 2007 flood event, levees along the Missouri River in Ray and Carroll Counties, Missouri, were breached. These breached levees are currently under repair, which is being coordinated by the local levee districts and the United States Army Corp of Engineers. For the upcoming growing season, acreage that is protected by these levees will be more susceptible to future flooding events while levee repairs are being completed. For the 2008 crop year, the following policy provision can be found in the Ray and Carroll County Special Provisions of Insurance (SPOI) for Corn, Grain Sorghum, and Soybeans:

Land flooded due to a breach in a levee resulting from prior year(s) flooding conditions is insurable. The applicable rate will be assigned based on conditions at the sales closing date. This land will be classified as the high risk area classification that results in the highest rate if the levee has not been repaired to prior specifications, or if the soil was damaged and was not restored to at least the same crop yield potential as prior to the flood event. The land will be classified as shown on the Actuarial Map if the levee is repaired to prior specifications and the soil has at least the same crop yield potential as before the flood.

AFFECTED AREA

The levee districts affected by this statement in Ray and Carroll Counties, Missouri, at this date, are:

Miles Point Levee District
Cherry Valley Levee District
Baltimore Bend Levee District
Belcher-Lovier Levee District
Sugar Tree Levee District

Wakenda Levee District
Sambo Slough Levee District
Root Levee District
Farmers Drainage and Levee District



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ACTION

If the breached levees are repaired prior to the extended Sales Closing Date of March 17, 2008, (the Sales Closing Date of March 15 falls on a Saturday) the published actuarial map areas apply. If the breached levees are repaired after March 17 and prior to planting, then written agreement requests will be accepted until the crop has been planted. To be eligible for a written agreement request the field(s) must not have been planted at the time of the request. If the breached levees have not been repaired by March 17, then the highest rate of 'BBB' will be applied to the land located on the accompanying map, in accordance with the SPOI statement. RMA will consider the breached levees "repaired to prior specifications" when the levees offer equal to or greater than the level of height protection that was existing prior to the flood event.

If the breached levees have not been repaired by March 17, 2008, a shapefile illustrating the "Affected Area" on the accompanying map will be available for download from the RMA website on March 18, 2008. DAS will validate acreage reports based on the attached map and shapefile.

For a map of the affected area, please email: rsoks@rma.usda.gov.