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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 Butler and
Mississippi counties in Missouri

BACKGROUND

Due to the 2011 flood event, levees were breached along the Mississippi and Black Rivers in counties of Butler and Mississippi Missouri. These breached levees are currently under repair, which is being coordinated by the local levee districts and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. For the upcoming growing season, acreage that is protected by these levees will likely be more susceptible to future flooding events until the levee repairs are fully completed. For the 2012 crop year, the following Special Provisions of Insurance (SP) for Winter Wheat in these counties was filed with the Actuarial Documents:

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 AREAS

The levee districts affected by this statement that were not repaired prior to the Sales Closing for Wheat are:

- 1) Butler County Drainage District #7 (Black River)
- 2) Birds Point – New Madrid Floodway (Mississippi River)



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ACTION

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received confirmation that the breached levees listed above in Southeast Missouri have not been repaired to “prior specifications” by the September 30, 2011, sales closing date deadline stated in the SP. Therefore, the wheat actuarial rates for the affected areas (shown on the accompanying map) will be assigned the classification that provides the highest rate for the 2012 crop year.

Approved Insurance Providers may obtain a shapefile illustrating the “Affected Area” on the accompanying maps from the RMA FTP public server as of December 19, 2011. RMA will validate acreage reports based on the attached maps and shapefiles within the Policy Acceptance and Storage System.

For a copy of the accompanying maps, please e-mail RSOKS@rma.usda.gov