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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 Carroll County,
Missouri

I. **BACKGROUND**

Due to the 2011 flood event, levees along the Missouri River were breached. Some of the breached levees have been repaired. Other breached levees are currently under repair, which is being coordinated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and local levee districts. For the upcoming growing season, acreage that is protected by a levee that has a breach will be more susceptible to future flooding events while breach repairs are being completed. For the 2012 crop year, the following policy provision can be found in the Carroll County Special Provisions for Corn, Grain Sorghum, Oats, and Soybeans:

“Land flooded due to a breach in a levee resulting from prior year(s) flooding is insurable. The applicable rate will be assigned based on conditions of the levee and soils on the latter of the sales closing date or earliest planting date. If, by that date, the levee has not been repaired to prior specifications, or if damaged soil (if any) has not been restored to at least the same crop yield potential as prior to the flood event, the land will be classified as high risk and will have the highest rate classification in the county. However, if the levee has been repaired to prior specifications and the soil has at least the same crop yield potential as before the flood, the land will be classified as shown on the current crop year Actuarial Map.”

II. **STATUS OF BREACHED LEVEES AS OF MARCH 1, 2012**

A. Repaired to Prior Specifications:

The following breached levee (s) have been repaired to prior specifications:

- *Baltimore Bend Levee District*
- *Belcher-Lozier Levee District*



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B. Not Repaired to Prior Specifications:

The following breached levee(s) have not been repaired to prior specifications:

- *Wakenda Levee District*

III. **ACTION**

For land affected by breached levees identified in II.B, the Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) is responsible for ensuring the stipulations in the breached levee statement are followed accordingly.

For more information on the breached levee statement, including “prior specifications”, “damaged soil”, and requesting written agreements, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions document at

http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ms_rso/2011/FAQbreachedlevee.pdf

To assist AIPs, the Topeka RO has developed a map of the land flooded by breached levee (s) identified in II.B. All information can be downloaded from the following: ftp://ftp.rma.usda.gov/pub/Miscellaneous_Files/Breached_Levees/