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SUBJECT: Actuarial Rates Resulting from Breached Levees in Holt County,
Missouri – *Update of April 3, 2012 memo to account for repair of
breached levee*

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I. BACKGROUND

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Due to the 2011 flood event, levees along the Missouri River and tributaries in Holt County, Missouri were breached. The following is a 2012 crop year policy provision in the Special Provisions for spring crops in Holt County:

“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 AFFECTING HOLT COUNTY MISSOURI AS OF JUNE 2, 2012

A. Repaired to Prior Specifications:

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

- Canon Drainage District- Canon Creek Private Levee-Left Descending Bank (repaired as of April 2, 2012)
- Canon Drainage District - P.L. 84-99 Levee (repaired as of June 2, 2012)
- Canon Drainage District- Canon Creek Private Levee - Right Descending Bank (repaired as of May 10, 2012)
- Union Township Levee District(repaired as of May 21, 2012)



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B. Not Repaired to Prior Specifications:

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

- *Mill Creek Drainage District*
- *Corning Levee District*
- *Private levees*
- *Big Tarkio Drainage District*
- *Levee District 15*
- *Holt County Levee District No. 10*
- *Holt County Levee District No. 9*

III. ACTION

For crop land flooded by a breached levee, 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 (FAQ) document at http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ms_rso/2011/FAQbreachedlevee.pdf

Although all breaches on the **Canon Drainage District - P.L. 84-99 Levee** and the **Canon Drainage District- Canon Creek Private Levee** have now been repaired to prior specifications, the earliest planting date for all 2012 spring planted crops in Holt County has passed. Therefore, the applicable high risk map for land flooded by a breached levee in 2011 is the map dated April 2, 2012 (issued via our April 3, 2012 memo). That high risk map, and other information, can be found: ftp://ftp.rma.usda.gov/pub/Miscellaneous_Files/Breached_Levees/.

A couple of key points, as discussed in the breached levee FAQ, concerning premium rates for land flooded due to a breached levee in 2011 for **ONLY** the area on the April 2, 2012 map labeled as “**Canon Drainage District, CDD Canon Creek RDB**”/1:

- If a crop(s) was planted before June 2, 2012, the applicable rate will be that rate identified using the map dated April 2, 2012.
- If a crop(s) had NOT been planted before June 2, 2012, producers may submit a Request for Actuarial Change (Written Agreement Request) through their crop insurance agent to RMA to re-examine the rates in accordance with Section 3(k) and Section 18 of the Common Crop Insurance Policy Basic Provisions. If the requested crop(s) was

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planted before the producer signs the Written Agreement Request, the producer must specify the date the requested crop(s) was planted. Failure to provide this information may result in a denial of the request (see footnote below).

Note: This guidance does not apply to acreage behind the Union Township Levee District levee, which also requires breaches in other levees systems to be repaired to prior specifications. Acreage behind the Union Township Levee District levee remains at the highest rate classification in the county, regardless of whether it has been planted or not.