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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 Breached Levees in Platte County,
Missouri

I. **BACKGROUND**

Due to the 2011 flood event, levees along the Missouri River and tributaries in Platte County and Buchanan County, Missouri were breached. Some of the breaches in Buchanan County also affected land in Platte County. The following is a 2012 crop year policy provision in the Special Provisions for spring crops in Platte 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 PLATTE COUNTY MISSOURI AS OF MARCH 16, 2012**

A. Repaired to Prior Specifications:

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

- *Weston Bottoms Levee & Drainage Association Levee (repaired as of February 14, 2012)*
- *Rushville-Sugar Lake Levee District (repaired as of March 15, 2012)*
- *Platte County Drainage District No. 1, Section 1 (repaired as of March 19, 2012)*



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B. Not Repaired to Prior Specifications:

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

- *Bean Lake Levee Association*
- *Platte County Drainage District No. 1, Section 2*

III. ACTION

For crop land affected 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 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/.