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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 Lincoln County,  
Missouri

**I. BACKGROUND**

Due to the 2013 flood event, levees along the Mississippi River and tributaries in Lincoln County, Missouri were breached. The following is a 2014 crop year policy provision in the Special Provisions for spring crops in Lincoln 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 LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSOURI AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

A. Repaired to Prior Specifications:

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

- *none*

B. Not Repaired to Prior Specifications:

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

- *Winfield Main Levee*

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

By March 1, 2014, the Topeka RO will issue another Informational Memorandum providing an update on the status of the levee(s) identified above in II.B. If those levee(s) have not been repaired to prior specifications, the update will include a map(s) to assist AIPs in identifying land affected by the breached levee(s).