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## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Missouri

**FROM:** Rebecca Davis /s/  
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**SUBJECT:** Actuarial Rates Resulting from Breached Levees in Ste. Genevieve and Franklin Counties, Missouri

### I. **BACKGROUND**

Due to the December 2015/ January 2016 and the May 2017 flood events, levees along the Mississippi River in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri and the Missouri River in Franklin County, Missouri were breached. The following is a 2018 crop year policy provision in the Special Provisions for fall planted crops in Ste. Genevieve and Franklin Counties:

*“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 STE. GENEVIEVE AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS OF OCTOBER 11, 2017**

#### 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:

- *Ste. Genevieve Levee System #2 (Ste Genevieve County)*

- *St. Albans Partners Levee (Franklin County)*
- *Labadie Bottoms Levee Section 4 (Franklin County)*
- *Berger Levee District (Franklin County)*
- *St. Johns Bottom Levee Association (Franklin County)*

### 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 [www.rma.usda.gov/help/faq/breachedlevee.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/help/faq/breachedlevee.html).

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: [www.rma.usda.gov/ftp/Miscellaneous\\_Files/Breached\\_Levees/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/ftp/Miscellaneous_Files/Breached_Levees/).

### **DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2018

