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TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

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Administrator

SUBJECT: Approval of Documents, Bulletins, Manuals, and Other Key Program Materials for  
Release by RMA

Consistency of RMA procedures and policies has been an issue in the past. The implementation of the new section 533 rule for Final Agency Determinations, I believe, will be helpful in ensuring such consistency. The forthcoming legislation will likely present opportunities for confusion and inconsistency. Thus, effective today, I am implementing a new procedure for clearance of key agency documents. Manuals, bulletins, procedures, and other policy documents will be issued from my office by me or my designee. Documents not signed by me or my designee shall not represent Agency policy.

I am taking this action at this time so that we can improve the internal review process during this period of relatively slow change. In this manner, we can more effectively ensure proper review.



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