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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-05-020

TO: All Reinsured Companies All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

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SUBJECT: 2006 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook

The Draft 2006 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook, will be available Friday afternoon on May 27, 2005, for comment on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/> under the Data Acceptance System Handbook directory.

The draft identifies changes in the 2006 Appendix III from the current 2005 version. The changes are identified via track changes.

Significant modifications in the 2006 Appendix III resulting from industry and RMA suggestions include:

- Appendix IV Review flag reporting;
- Changes in reporting requirement for Fund Designation;
- Modifications to the reporting requirements for entities on the Type 10;
- Reporting of additional liability fields on Type 11 and Type 21;
- Modified Acreage Record flag on Type 11;
- Second Notice of Loss date on Type 21;
- Additional Written Agreement Types excluded from fund designation extension;
- Reporting of Common Option Codes on Type 21;
- Reporting Flag for policyholder dispute; and
- Reporting requirements for CIMS.

Companies can email their comments regarding Appendix III content, using “2006 Comments” in the subject line to appendixiii.comments@rma.usda.gov by Friday, June 10, 2005. A teleconference will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Wednesday, June 8, 2005, to review the draft and discuss any questions. The conference number to call for the teleconference is 877-891-6970. The conference code is 50250.

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