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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-06-016**

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

From: Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*  
Deputy Administrator

Subject: Change of Name and Minor Realignment for Office of Research  
and Development (R&D)

It has been approximately 15 years since any organizational, functional review or name changes have occurred within R&D. In that period, numerous events or actions have occurred including several legislative changes to the Federal Crop Insurance Act, along with ongoing business changes in the program.

Based on these changes and other program events, the Office of the Deputy Administrator for Research and Development, as well most subordinate divisions and branches, now have organizational names that no longer reflect their current mission or functional statements. To best reflect its mission and responsibilities, there is a need to rename the primary functional units of R&D. The name changes are as follows:

- a. The Office of the Deputy Administrator for Research and Development will become the Office of the Deputy Administrator for Product Management (DAPM).
- b. The Product Development Division (PDD) will become the Product Administration and Standards Division (PASD).
- c. The Fiscal Operations and Systems Division (FOSD) will merge with the Actuarial Division, less the Actuarial Design Branch, to become the Product Analysis and Accounting Division (PAAD).
- d. The Actuarial Design Branch, currently within the Actuarial Division, merges with the current Research and Evaluation Division to become the Actuarial and Product Design Division (APDD): and
- e. The Research and Evaluation Division ceases to exist in its current structure, merged as noted above in d., and renamed.



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Attached you will find the overall structure along with new names for all the subordinate functional units.

For future communication with the Deputy Administrator for Product Management, the following will apply:

1. R&D Informational Memorandums will be numbered PM-06-XXX beginning for issuances May 14 and thereafter. The sequential numbering will continue from the R&D Informational Memorandums.
2. Name changes on handbooks, other program issuances, etc. will occur over time as they are updated and reissued.
3. References to the Deputy Administrator for Research and Development via Federal Register regulations will be revised when such regulation is updated for other program reasons. Submissions and filings will continue to be accepted regardless of the name used; and
4. Any existing correspondence, letters, etc. addressed to the Deputy Administrator for Research and Development need not be changed or revised.

The organizational changes are effective May 14, 2006. Should you have any questions, please contact Rodger M. Matthews, Associate Deputy Administrator at (816) 926-7822.

Attachment