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<b>AMENDMENT NO. <u>1</u> TO DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION</b>		<b>Number: 1800-001</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Departmental Emergency Programs Responsibilities</b>	<b>DATE OF AMENDMENT: December 21, 2004</b>	
	<b>OPI: Office of Homeland Security</b>	

1 Purpose

The amendment amends DR 1800-1, section 9b(2)(b), and the introductory sentence of section 14.

2 Explanation of Changes

This amends DR 1800-1, section 9b(2)(b), which currently states that Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will "guarantee payment or make emergency loans, through the Farm Service Agency to critical firms. . ."

This provision is amended to provide that CCC will "guarantee payment or make emergency loans through Rural Development to critical firms. . ."

This also amends the introduction sentence to section 14 of DR 1800-1, which currently states "the under secretary for Rural Development will administer rural credit and financial assistance programs."

This is amended to read "the under secretary for Rural Development will administer rural credit, and financial assistance programs, including emergency assistance pursuant to section 9b(2)(b)."

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- (11) Develop plans and programs related to mobilization preparedness and, as appropriate, represent USDA at meetings, conferences, and workshops, on mobilization preparedness and related activities.
- (12) Act as the custodian for the emergency operating records for both the USDA State and County Emergency Boards at the Farm Service Agency State and County offices and respective Emergency Operations Centers.
- (13) Provide emergency credit to farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture operators in support of agricultural production programs.
- (14) Assist with technical expertise and support on credit arrangements of all USDA emergency programs, other than agricultural production and CCC loans and guarantees.

b Commodity Credit Corporation will:

- (1) Barter surplus agricultural commodities for strategic and critical materials to the extent such materials are required to meet emergency needs.
- (2) Perform the following services and functions during a national security emergency to the extent specifically authorized:
  - (a) Make reimbursable disbursements for the Farm Service Agency, for emergency agriculture production loans when mail services or other disbursing activities are disrupted.
  - (b) Guarantee payment or make emergency loans, through Rural Development, to critical firms to continue:

National Agriculture Statistics Service emergency programs. Emergency records will be filed at the State Farm Service Agency offices and Emergency Operations Centers.

#### **14 UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Under Secretary for Rural Development will administer rural credit, and financial assistance programs, including emergency assistance pursuant to section 9b(2)(b).

a Rural Business-Cooperative Service

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service will, in cooperation with other government Agencies at all levels: promote economic development in affected rural areas by developing strategies that respond to the conditions created by an emergency; provide financial aid for needed community facilities; and provide business development assistance.

b Rural Housing Service

The Rural Housing Service will administer loan and grant programs for housing and community facilities to aid the development of rural communities. The agency will assist the Department of Housing and Urban Development by providing living quarters in unoccupied rural housing in an emergency situation.

c Rural Utilities Service will:

(1) Assist Rural Utilities Service (RUS) financed rural electric and telephone cooperatives and companies with technical assistance or loan assistance when necessary for restoration of service.

(2) Provide guidance and assistance to RUS water and waste disposal borrower and eligible applicants.