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TO: Pacific Northwest Reinsured Companies

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SUBJECT: Processing Pacific Northwest (PNW) Written Unit Agreements
(Topographical/Physical Feature Written Agreements) on 2005 Spring
Crops

Background:

New written agreement policy and procedures were implemented for 2005 on spring crops: Basic Provisions 05-BR applicable to all crops with a contract change date on or after August 31, 2004, R&D Bulletin 04-050 dated November 18, 2004, and the 2005 Written Agreement Handbook (WAH) dated November 18, 2004.

PNW written unit agreements (WUA) previously insured and approved by insurance providers under Exhibit 5 B of the Crop Insurance Handbook (CIH), now requires Regional Office (RO) approval as provided by the 2005 Basic Provisions.

The 2005 WAH superseded previous CIH written agreement procedures. R&D Bulletin 04 - 050 authorizes continuation of previously approved written unit agreements with RO approval.

Action:

Attached is a listing of WUA policyholder information for your company obtained from the WUA RO courtesy copies. The RO will utilize the courtesy copies to process the WUAs requiring RO approval, in lieu of requiring each producer to reapply for these agreements. To facilitate this process, we request your company validate the contract information for the producers contained on the attached listing. Additionally, if your company has ceded or acquired policies having existing agreements that are not included on the attached listing or if modifications have occurred, please forward a copy of the agreement containing the additional information and supporting documentation by June 30, 2005.

When your company has completed your review of the listing, mail or fax the attachment to our office and we will process the WUAs accordingly. Please note such agreements would exempt crops covered under the CAT endorsement or the RA and IP plans of insurance.

If you have any questions, please call Jon Burcham at (509) 353-2147.

Attachment: PNW WUA listing - **Note attachments were sent with original mailing**



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