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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the State of Tennessee

FROM: Rock Davis /s/
Director, Jackson RO

SUBJECT: Actuarial Rates Resulting from Unrepaired Levees in Dyer
County, Tennessee

I. BACKGROUND

Due to the 2011 flood event, levees along the Mississippi River were breached. Breaches occurred in levees along the Mississippi River in Dyer County, Tennessee. The following is a 2013 crop year policy provision in the Special Provisions for fall planted crops in Dyer County:

“Land flooded due to a breach in a levee resulting from prior year(s) flooding is insurable. The applicable rate will be assigned based on conditions of the levee and soils on the latter of the sales closing date or earliest planting date. If, by that date, the levee has not been repaired to prior specifications, or if damaged soil (if any) has not been restored to at least the same crop yield potential as prior to the flood event, the land will be classified as high risk and will have the highest rate classification in the county. However, if the levee has been repaired to prior specifications and the soil has at least the same crop yield potential as before the flood, the land will be classified as shown on the current crop year Actuarial Map.”

II. STATUS OF BREACHED LEVEES AS OF October 2, 2012

Not Repaired to Prior Specifications:

The following breached levee(s) have not been repaired to prior specifications:

- *Dyer County Little Levee District*
- *Tennemo Levee*



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III. ACTION

For crop land affected by a breached levee, the Approved Insurance Provider (AIP) is responsible for ensuring the stipulations in the breached levee statement are followed accordingly.

For more information on the breached levee statement, including “prior specifications”, “damaged soil”, and requesting written agreements, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions document at http://www.rma.usda.gov/fields/ms_rso/2011/FAQbreachedlevee.pdf

To assist AIPs, the Jackson RO has developed a map of the land flooded by breached levee (s) identified in II. All information can be downloaded from the following: ftp://ftp.rma.usda.gov/pub/Miscellaneous_Files/Breached_Levees/