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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Risk
Management
Agency

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the States of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

Oklahoma City
Regional Office

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SUBJECT: 2021 Written Agreement Handbook Paragraph 22 A (7) – New Written Agreement Requests and Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey Maps

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DISCUSSION:

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The 2021 Written Agreement Handbook (WAH) Paragraph 22 A (7) states: “*All new requests for a written agreement (WA) must include NRCS soil surveys, if required by the RO [see Footnote (1) of Exhibit 5].*” Under Exhibit 5, Footnote (1), “*An RO may not need soil survey maps submitted. Check the applicable RO web site at www.rma.usda.gov/RMALocal/Field-Offices/Regional-Offices for requirements when soil surveys need to be submitted with the WA request.*”

The purpose of this Informational Memorandum is to provide Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) that write in the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas the Oklahoma City Regional Office requirements on submitting NRCS soil surveys for new written agreement requests.

ACTION:

The Informational Memorandum issued by the Oklahoma City Regional Office entitled, “*Crop Year 2014 Supplement to the Written Agreement Handbook,*” dated January 6, 2014, is cancelled, effective on this date.

For the 2021 and succeeding crop years, the Oklahoma City Regional Office requires AIPs to submit NRCS soil surveys with actuarial change requests for New Breaking type written agreements. NRCS soil surveys need not be submitted with any other actuarial change request type.

New Breaking type written agreement requests submitted without the NRCS soil surveys will be considered incomplete per the WAH, Paragraph 23 and may be subject to non-acceptance per the WAH, Paragraph 33. New Breaking type requests that are incomplete

due to missing NRCS soil surveys will result in a AIP scorecard error in accordance with the WAH, Paragraph 66.

While the Oklahoma City Regional Office only requires AIPs to submit NRCS soil surveys for New Breaking type requests, the RO will continue to review the soil types, topography, and/or other relevant agronomic conditions for all request types when required in the WAH, Part 3. Please note that the Oklahoma City Regional Office reserves the right to request NRCS soil surveys on a case by case basis when required in the WAH, Part 3. Any such request will not result in a scorecard error.

Please contact the Oklahoma City Regional Office at RSOOK@usda.gov if you have any additional questions.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.