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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

FROM: Scott A. Tincher, Acting Director /s/ *Scott Tincher*
St. Paul Regional Office

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

DISCUSSION:

The 2021 Written Agreement Handbook (WAH) Paragraph 22 A (7) states: “*All new written agreement (WA) requests 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 Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, the St. Paul Regional Office requirements on submitting NRCS soil surveys for new written agreement requests.

ACTION:

For the 2021 and succeeding crop years, the St. Paul 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 St. Paul Regional Office only requires AIPs to submit NRCS soil surveys for New Breaking type requests, the Regional Office will continue to review the soil types, topography, and/or other relevant agronomic conditions for all request types when

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required in the WAH, Part 3. Please note that the St. Paul 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 St. Paul Regional Office at RSOMN@usda.gov if you have any additional questions.

DISPOSAL DATE:

This Informational Memorandum will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.