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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: All Northeast Approved Insurance Providers Writing in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia

FROM: Alexander Sereno /s/
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SUBJECT: Written Agreement Handbook Requirements for Paragraph 22A(7) - New Written Agreement requests and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey

BACKGROUND:

The Written Agreement Handbook (WAH) Paragraph 22A(7) states “All new [Written Agreement] WA requests must include: NRCS soil surveys, if required by the [Regional Office] RO [see footnote (1) of Exhibit 4A]”; Footnote (1) of Exhibit 4A states, “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 supersede the Informational Memorandum issued on September 26, 2019, to Approved Insurance Providers (AIP) that write in the states listed above with the Raleigh RO requirements for submitting NRCS soil surveys for new WA requests.

ACTION

For 2025 and succeeding crop years, Unrated Land (UC) type WA is the only WA type in the Raleigh region that requires submission of NRCS soil surveys for new actuarial change requests. NRCS soil surveys are not required for any other actuarial change request type.

UC type requests submitted without NRCS soil surveys will be considered incomplete per WAH, Paragraph 23; may be subject to non-acceptance per WAH, Paragraph 33; and will result in a scorecard error in accordance with WAH, Paragraph 66.

While the Raleigh RO only requires NRCS soil surveys for new actuarial change requests for UC type WA, the RO reserves the right to request soil surveys on a case-by-case basis

when required in Part 3 of the WAH. Any such request will not result in a scorecard error.

Please contact the Raleigh Regional Office at RSONC@usda.gov if you have any additional questions.

DISPOSAL DATE

This bulletin will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.