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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: PM-11-001

TO: All Approved Insurance Providers
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/Rodger M. Matthews Sr, for
Deputy Administrator

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Research Feasibility Of Insurance
for Corn Stover, Other Crop Residues and Woody Biomass

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)(1)(C)) requires that the Risk Management Agency (RMA) enter into contracts to carry out research and development. RMA is planning to pursue research and development into the feasibility of insuring advanced bio-fuels sources.

The Act (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)(2)(B)) also requires that RMA consult with groups representing producers of agricultural commodities that would be served by the policies that are the subject of research and developments efforts. We are expanding that scope to any parties interested in the subject efforts.

ACTION:

RMA will soon solicit contracts for the feasibility of developing crop insurance products for corn stover, other crop residues and woody biomass, specifically poplar and willow trees. The agency is seeking any preparatory input from interested parties about the level of interest from the industry, availability of private insurance products, or any other relevant issues that should be considered when carrying out the feasibility and research for any potential program development.



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February 11, 2011.