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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Company Principal Coordinators, WYO Vendors, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Servicing Agent, and Independent Adjusting Firms

FROM: 
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Federal Emergency Management Administration

SUBJECT: Notice of the Limited Waiver of the Standard Flood Insurance Policy ("SFIP") to Extend the Time for Sending Proofs of Loss in the State of Texas for Claims Related to Severe Winter Storms Commencing on March 7, 2016 through March 21, 2016

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires a policyholder to send the insurer a complete, signed, and sworn-to proof of loss within sixty (60) days after the date of loss. The proof of loss requirements are set forth in the Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) Section VII, Paragraph (J) (4) (Dwelling Form and the General Property Form) and Section VIII, Paragraph (J) (4), (Residential Condominium Building Association Policy Form). Requirements for supporting documentation that must accompany the proof of loss are set forth in paragraphs (J) (4) (f) through (J) (4) (i).

Properties insured by the NFIP in the state of Texas experienced flood losses as a result of a severe winter storm beginning March 7, 2016. In many instances, access to NFIP-insured buildings was not possible due to damage to the infrastructure and high water. These conditions may delay the claims process for many NFIP policyholders, and NFIP policyholders may encounter difficulties filing a timely proof of loss for claims arising from this event.

To ensure that NFIP policyholders have sufficient time to finalize their claims, pursuant to Paragraph D of the General Conditions section of the SFIPs and 44 C.F.R §61.13 (d), I hereby authorize an additional 60-day extension of the time period within which a policyholder must submit the requisite signed and sworn-to proof of loss with their NFIP insurer. With this extension, an NFIP policyholder will have a total of 120 days after the date of loss to provide the completed, signed, and sworn-to proof of loss to the insurer.

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This limited waiver and extension shall apply to all NFIP claims for the flood damage related to the Texas flooding occurring March 7, 2016 through March 21, 2016. This limited waiver and extension applies to SFIPs issued directly by FEMA or by private insurance companies participating in the NFIP's Write Your Own Program.

We anticipate that this additional 60-day extension will enable policyholders sufficient time to present their claims. FEMA will continue to monitor claim activity to determine whether further extensions may be warranted.

By granting this limited waiver and extension of the time period to send a proof of loss, FEMA does not hereby waive any other provisions of the SFIP, and all other terms and conditions of the SFIP remain in effect.

We ask for your full support. Any questions or comments regarding this extension should be directed to Lloyd Hake, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration. Mr. Hake may be reached by email at Lloyd.Hake@fema.dhs.gov.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

Required Routing: Claims, Underwriting