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

FROM: 
Edward L. Connor
Acting Federal Insurance Administrator
National Flood Insurance Program

SUBJECT: Notice of Extension for Filing SFIP Proofs of Loss for
Areas of the States Affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike

The Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) issued under the NFIP provides a period of sixty (60) days from the date of loss within which it is incumbent upon the policyholder to send the Insurer a signed and sworn proof of loss, which is the policyholder's detailed statement of the claim. These provisions are set forth in the SFIP at Article VII. General Conditions, Paragraph J.4. of the Dwelling Form and the General Property Form and at Article VIII. General Conditions, Paragraph J.4. of the Residential Condominium Building Association Policy Form.

Due to the recent flooding associated with Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, an extension of the 60-day period within which a proof of loss must be submitted to the Insurer has been granted. Therefore, by means of this memorandum, I am authorizing the extension of this period by 120 days. This extension shall apply to all claims for flood-insured buildings:

- In the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi damaged by flood resulting from Hurricane Gustav (dates of loss August 31, 2008, and continuing); and
- In the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas damaged by flood resulting from Hurricane Ike (dates of loss September 13, 2008, and continuing).

The extension applies whether the SFIP was issued directly by the NFIP Servicing Agent or through one of the private insurance companies issuing flood insurance coverage under the WYO Program.

An NFIP policyholder who incurred a Gustav-related flood loss on August 31, 2008, would normally have until October 30, 2008, to submit the proof of loss. With the extended deadline, the same policyholder now has until February 27, 2009, to submit the proof of loss. Similarly, an NFIP policyholder who incurred an Ike-related flood loss on September 13, 2008, would normally have

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until November 12, 2008, to submit the proof of loss. With the extended deadline, the same policyholder now has until March 12, 2009, to submit the proof of loss. In either case, eligible policyholders will be allowed a total of 180 days to submit the proof of loss.

The extension of time within which proofs of loss must be submitted is made pursuant to the SFIP provisions dealing with amendments, waivers, and assignment (Article VII. General Conditions, Paragraph D. of the Dwelling Form and the General Property Form, and Article VIII. General Conditions, Paragraph D. of the Residential Condominium Building Association Policy Form).

While all other terms and conditions of the SFIP remain in effect, it is hoped that the extension of time for filing proofs of loss by 120 days will give affected policyholders ample opportunity to present their statement of claim. This extension will be closely monitored by FEMA to determine whether or not a further extension might be warranted.

We ask for your full support. Any questions or comments regarding this extension should be directed to James A. Sadler, CPCU, AIC, Director of Claims, National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Sadler may be reached by telephone at (703) 605-0708 and by email at James.Sadler@dhs.gov.

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