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## MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Director  
Attention: GP-1000

Through: John W. Keys, III  
Commissioner

From: Michael R. Gabaldon  
Director, Policy, Management, and Technical Services

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Subject: Delegation of Authority to Provide Emergency Drought Assistance

The Nebraska State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has requested additional emergency drought assistance under the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 (Act), Public Law 102-250. I have determined that additional emergency drought assistance is merited. Authority is hereby delegated to you to amend and execute the necessary agreements associated with the Republican Basin Irrigation Districts' incentive plan to leave irrigation storage water in the designated reservoirs for future year uses.

The Bureau of Reclamation made \$84,750 available on April 5, 2005, which represented half of the original request. We are now providing an additional \$84,750 to allow DNR to complete the payments to willing sellers. These funds are available from the general drought fund under account A10-1327-0009-001-GP-N-7 (8). Activities under Section 101(a) must be undertaken by Reclamation itself, or through acquisition contracts governed by Federal Acquisition Regulation.

This delegation for emergency drought assistance is in effect for 6 months. Every effort should be made to obligate these funds within that period. Otherwise, the funds are to be returned to the drought program. The approval of this drought request does not obligate Reclamation to provide further assistance on this request or others.

Please refer to the interim Directives and Standards (April 12, 2002) for the Drought Program, and provide a copy, as needed, to the DNR. Please provide copies of the executed agreements to the Office of Program and Policy Services, D-5000. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lilas Lindell, Reclamation Drought Coordinator, at 303-445-2889.

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