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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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FEB 14 2003

Governor Kathleen Sebelius  
State Capitol Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Subject: Drought Assistance Requests

Dear Governor Sebelius:

Title I of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, PL 102-250 (Act) provides broad authority to the Secretary of the Interior to utilize the facilities of the Federal reclamation program and the resources of the Department of the Interior to address drought conditions in the western States.

Section 104 of the Act says in part: "The programs and authorities established under this title shall become operative in any reclamation State only after the Governor or Governors (Tribal Leaders) of the affected State or States (Tribe or Tribes) ... has made a request for temporary drought assistance and the Secretary, or his/her appointee, has determined that such temporary assistance is merited ..."

In order for any State to receive funding assistance, they must abide by a condition of PL 102-250 that requires the State submit a letter to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation or the Secretary of the Interior requesting drought assistance.

States and/or Tribes requesting assistance under Title I are now required to submit a new request each year. The State of Kansas must submit a request for drought assistance for 2003 before the State can be approved for assistance under PL 102-250.

Enclosed is a sample letter that can be used to request drought assistance through Title I of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act. Potential drought relief measures may be selected for funding under this law among projects from all agencies approved for assistance. States or Tribes

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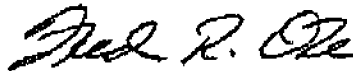
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applying for drought assistance should also begin to develop a list of potential drought relief projects and rank these projects according to the States or Tribes needs. In your response to the Commissioner, please provide a courtesy copy of your letter to our Regional Director, Maryanne Bach, in Billings, Montana.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Kube or Jack Wergin of this office at (308) 389-4622, extension 201.

Sincerely,



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Area Manager

Enclosure

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