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Honorable Jerry Costello
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Dear Congressman Costello

Effective May 19, 2011, President Obama declared counties in Kentucky Major disaster areas due to severe storms, tornadoes and flooding which occurred April 22, 2011 and continuing. This designation affects the following counties in Illinois:

Illinois Contiguous Counties (4)

Hardin Massac Pope Pulaski

Emergency loan applications will be received through January 19, 2012 for physical and production losses. Applications pending on the above date may be processed and completed. The disaster declaration number is **M1976, Amendment 5.**

For the purpose of determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incident period is April 22, 2011.

Sincerely,

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