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Subject: RE: Restrictions on flooded land

Dear Clifford M. Johnson:

Thank you for your e-mail of March 4, 2009, in regard to Docket No. NRCS-IFR-08013, the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) Interim Final Rule, as published in the *Federal Register*. The conservation provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) and the Administrative Procedures Act offer the public the opportunity to submit official comments on Agency regulations and other documents published in the *Federal Register* during the official public comment period indicated with each published regulatory document.

Regulatory changes generally are being published as interim final rules, enabling full implementation of the programs while public comment is assessed. NRCS acknowledges your recommendation. Your comments will be analyzed and given full consideration in the process of moving to final program rules. The preamble for final rules will include our analysis of public comments and their disposition with regard to the final rules.

Again, thank you for your official comment. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: clj@stellarnet.com [mailto:clj@stellarnet.com]
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Subject: Restrictions on flooded land

Robin Heard
 Director Easement Programs Division

I attended a meeting today on payment for flooded land. I have many acres that are flooded but they do not qualify for payment because of a six and one half foot limitation on depth of water. Also a limitation of 22,000 acres eligible for enrollment. I would like to have you consider removing the limitation on depth to no limitation and also extend the eligible acre enrollment to 50,000 acres. Much of this land has been flooded for almost fifteen years with no compensation and now with your depth limitation it still would have me end up with nothing. Thankyou and hope you would consider these changes

Clifford M. Johnson
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