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General Comment

Dear Mr. Glover, Acting Director:

I agree with the comments submitted to you by PA Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff regarding the FRPP Interim Final Rule.

A waiver of federal title procedures should be granted to the 2007-08 applicants, similar to the yellow book appraisal report waiver recently granted to the same round of applicants. Like the Yellow Book report, the federal title insurance has resulted in lengthy delays in reimbursement. We have three farms in our county under the 2007-08 agreement. These farms already have a title commitment through the state program and must be free and clear of any encumbrances before approved by the state board.

We also encourage the NRCS to reconsider several of its existing policies and allow certified entities to administer the FRPP funds without compromise to the state and county programs.

Regards,

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