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## MEMORANDUM

To: Director, Office of Program and Policy Services

From: William E. Rinne  
Acting Commissioner

Subject: Decision Related to *Managing for Excellence* Recommendations – Action Item 17

In anticipation of authorizing legislation for a Bureau of Reclamation loan guarantee program, the Director, Office of Program and Policy Services, is directed to implement the following *Managing for Excellence* Final Recommendations for Action Item No. 17:

1. Send to the Reclamation Leadership Team for review and comment the draft guidelines for a loan guarantee program (attached) as prepared by the team. Finalize appropriate guidelines when legislation is enacted.
2. Develop the necessary forms in preparation for a loan guarantee program.
3. Work with the appropriate offices both inside and outside of the Bureau of Reclamation in preparing for the implementation of a loan guarantee program for Reclamation.

Team 17, under “Major Repair Challenges” of the *Managing for Excellence* effort, was tasked with preparing for program implementation of a loan guarantee program. Legislation has cleared the Senate, and a House hearing was held in July 2006. If legislation is enacted providing the Secretary of the Interior authority, such a program would allow Reclamation to work with water districts and banking institutions to guarantee loans to assist water districts in financing extraordinary operation and maintenance or the rehabilitation needs associated with Federal water projects.

Team 17 has completed its task as presented, and now I am directing you to continue with implementation requirements of the program as identified by the team.

Implementation of these recommendations will begin immediately.

Attachment

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cc: 91-00000 (Collier), 91-10000, 92-00000 (Burman, Brown), 94-00000, 94-30000 (Wolf, Smith), 96-00000, 96-40000  
84-20000 (Harrison, Moon), 84-21000 (Feuerstein, Wendling), 84-27000 (Harrison, Mattingly), 84-40000 (Achterberg, Rudd), 86-60000 (Bach, Medina), 86-68000 (Gabaldon, Weitkamp)  
PN-1000, PN-1001, MP-100 (Rodgers, Schlucter), MP-410 (Tegelman), LC-1000, LC-1001, UC-100, UC-101, GP-1000 (Ryan, Blankenship)  
BCOO-1100, WCG-EWarner, EC-1005  
(w/o att to each)