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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has come to the Bureau of Reclamation's attention that some districts are allowing landholders (direct or indirect landowners or lessees) to report a landholding change that occurs during an irrigation season by merely recording the change as a correction to a previously submitted Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) form. Section 426.18(k) of the Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations (43 CFR part 426) reads as follows:

"Notification requirements for landholders whose ownership or leasing arrangements change after submitting forms. If a landholder's ownership or leasing arrangements change in any way:

- (1) During the irrigation season, the landholder must:
 - (i) Notify the district office, either verbally or in writing within 30-calendar days of the change; and
 - (ii) Submit new forms to all districts in which the landholder holds nonexempt land, within 60-calendar days of the change."

Once an RRA form has been submitted during an irrigation season, a landholding change cannot be indicated by simply updating that RRA form. Instead, a new standard RRA form **must be** submitted to the applicable district(s) within 60 calendar days of the landholding change. In order to avoid the assessment of an administrative fee for RRA forms nonsubmittal, you are reminded to (1) notify landholders of the requirement to submit a new standard form within 60 days of a landholding change, and (2) request a new standard RRA form from a landholder when the district is aware that a landholding change has occurred.

For more information regarding what is considered to be a landholding change, please refer to Fact Sheet 11 ("What Constitutes a Landholding Change?"). Please refer any further questions you may have regarding landholding changes to the appropriate Reclamation office.

Sincerely,

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See the district mailing dated July 27, 2009,
for supplemental information.