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Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Disaster Designations 1-DIS	Amendment 6
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Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 4.5 B has been amended to instruct State Office users how to submit a disaster designation request and where to find the instruction in the Disaster Designation User Guide.

Subparagraph 4.5 C has been deleted.

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4.5 Submitting Requests to the Washington, D.C. National Office

A Overview

Where this handbook provides that a request must be submitted to PPB, CPS, State Offices will submit the file electronically according to this paragraph.

B Electronically Submitting Requests

*--Submit requests for APLN's, Secretarial disaster designations, and quarantine designations by using the instructions on the DAFP Training page at <https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/program-areas/dafp/dafp-training/index#>. From the home page, select the "User Guide" link listed under "National Disaster Designation SharePoint training (7/27/2022)" for step-by-step instructions.

Requests and documents submitted according to this subparagraph **must** be sent with a PDF attachment.

For questions about the disaster designation SharePoint site, disaster designation policy,--* or administration, contact either of the following:

- for Secretarial disaster designations, Rena Russell-Spruell by e-mail to rena.russell.spruell@wdc.usda.gov
- for APLN's and Presidential declarations, Helen Mathew by e-mail to helen.mathew@wdc.usda.gov.

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5 Summarizing Changes to Disaster Designations

A Changes to Disaster Designation Process

The following table summarizes changes to the Secretarial disaster designation process.

Then	Now
Only the Secretary has the authority to approve Secretarial disaster designation requests.	No change. However, the regulation does provide a means by which this approval authority can be delegated if the Secretary so chooses.
A multi-step process was used for Secretarial disaster designations.	Simplified disaster designation process in severe drought situations with a nearly automatic designation for any county reported in the U.S. Drought Monitor with level D2 for 8 consecutive weeks.
Secretarial designations required a disaster designation request be initiated by an Indian Tribal Council or State Governor.	Although an Indian Tribal Council or State Governor can still initiate the process, this is no longer a requirement.
Required 30 percent loss countywide threshold of the normal year’s dollar value of all crops or losses by a single enterprise.	Note: Not required for counties designated using the U.S. Drought Monitor. A 30 percent loss threshold is required for designations not using the U.S. Drought Monitor.

*--**Note:** Provisions for Presidential declarations and, APLN’s have **not** been changed.--*

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