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RURAL DEVELOPMENT FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY.

Fraud Risk Management is the process of identifying, understanding, and responding to fraud risks. It is required by both the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) and OMB Circular No. A-123. RD must maintain a system to detect, stop, and/or prevent both internal and external fraud.

Fraud hurts everyone and is a common risk that should not be ignored. Doing so will eventually result in damage to morale and jeopardize the reputation of Rural Development (RD). We are accountable to appropriately manage taxpayer dollars and deliver our mission to improve the quality of life in Rural America with a high standard of ethical behavior. Fraud impacts everyone through direct influence or indirectly through increased taxes and costs of products and services.

We are committed to preventing fraud and cultivating an anti-fraud culture across all aspects of RD. Our responsibility extends to protecting public interests by reducing exposure through staff education designed to help employees at all levels recognize, prevent, and detect potential fraud activities.

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