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SUBJECT: Interest Rate Changes for Water and Waste Disposal Loans

Language in the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act requires that the poverty rate and the intermediate rate be determined based on the approval date of the loan. For those loans approved on or after May 23, 2008, the poverty rate will be set at 60 percent of the market rate and the intermediate rate set at 80 percent of the market rate, adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of one percent. Effective from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, the interest rates for Water and Waste Disposal loans approved on or after May 23, 2008 are as follows:

Poverty Line....increased to.....1.375%  
Intermediate....unchanged at.....1.750%  
Market.....increased to.....2.250%

For loans approved but not closed on or before May 22, 2008, the poverty rate will remain fixed at 4.500 percent and the intermediate rate will continue to be set at one-half of the difference between the poverty line rate and the market rate. Effective from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, the interest rates for Water and Waste Disposal loans approved on or before May 22, 2008 are as follows:

Poverty Line... unchanged at.....4.500%  
Intermediate....increased to.....3.375%  
Market .....increased to.....2.250%

EXPIRATION DATE:  
June 30, 2021

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
Administrative/Other Programs

Also, the rate for Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention loans and Resource Conservation and Development loans is set by the same method as outlined above for current Water and Waste Disposal market rate loans and is as follows:

CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE
2.125%	2.250%

Please notify appropriate personnel of these rates.

Unit	Initial and Date	Unit	Initial and Date
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