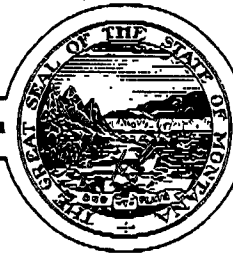


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March 21, 2008

Jody Cornwell, Director
USDA, FNS Food Stamp Program
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Dear Ms. Cornwell,

Montana is requesting a modification to Waiver No. 970090 and Waiver No. 970146 which expire on July 31, 2008. The formal waiver request for eleven counties in Montana and six Indian Reservations along with substantiating data was submitted electronically. The State is requesting a one-year waiver from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Yvette Barnier at (406) 444-7483.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hank Hudson".

HANK HUDSON
Administratorcc: Linda Snedigar, Bureau Chief
Deborah Christiansen, Food Stamp Unit Supervisor
Sabina Velasco, FNS Program