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SUBJECT: FSP – Mississippi – Request to Waive 7 CFR 273.24

TO: Charlie Simmons, Regional Director
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Southeast Region

This is a corrected response to our waiver approval sent by e-mail on April 5, 2005 regarding Mississippi's March 21, 2005 request to modify and extend waiver #2020120, exempting individuals from the work requirements of 7 CFR 273.24 if they reside in a county designated as a Labor Surplus Area (LSA) by the Department of Labor.

Mississippi is requesting to extend its current waiver in the following 45 counties based on their designation as LSAs: Adams, Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Clay, Coahoma, Copiah, Franklin, George, Greene, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lawrence, Leflore, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Panola, Perry, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Tishomingo, Walthall, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wilkinson, Winston, Yalobusha, and Yazoo. The State Agency is also requesting to modify its current waiver by exempting individuals residing in the LSA county of Amite and Tunica for a combined total of 47 counties.

We are approving the State Agency's request effective April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006. Individuals residing in the approved 47 counties are exempt from the work requirements of 7 CFR 273.24 due to insufficient jobs as determined by their designation as LSAs by the Department of Labor.

This waiver is approved under 7 CFR 273.24(f), which allows the Secretary to waive the applicability of the work requirement provision for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has insufficient jobs.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Robinson of my staff at (703) 305-2476.

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