

Attachment 2D(1)

Explanatory Note for Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Report August 1, 2011

Please find attached the 2011 Third Quarter National Environmental Policy Act Status and Progress for Recovery Act Activities and Projects Report to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers Program.

During the period ending June 30, 2011, no additional obligations were made against the TAA for Farmers Program. Note that we are not reporting any additional obligations for administrative overhead, which includes zero dollars recorded during this reporting period. These costs are not being reported because CEQ reporting guidance states that salaries and expenses that are used to administer the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) should not be included in these reports, which are limited to only projects and activities receiving ARRA funds.

Please be aware that no additional overhead costs were incurred during this reporting period, because the TAA for Farmers Program expired on December 31, 2010.

Attachment: NEPA ARRA Section 1609 Data

REVISED CORRECTION: FAS made an error in a figure reported on the last two NEPA ARRA Section 1609 spreadsheets that it submitted. It incorrectly reported \$217,937,951 in total ARRA *appropriations* for projects and activities for the first and second quarters of 2011. The correct figure is \$195,437,949 for both quarters. The error was made by inadvertently adding first quarter obligations of \$20,211,514 not only to that quarter's total obligations, but also to that quarter's appropriations figure. Please see figure below. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Incorrect:

September 30, 2010 – Total Appropriations \$197,726,437; Total Obligations \$111,056,613
December 31, 2010 – Total Appropriations \$217,937,951; Total Obligations \$131,268,127
March 31, 2011 – Total Appropriations \$217,937,951; Total Obligations \$131,268,127

Correct:

September 30, 2010 – Total Appropriations \$197,726,437; Total Obligations \$111,056,613
December 31, 2010 – Total Appropriations \$195,437,949; Total Obligations \$131,268,127
March 31, 2011 – Total Appropriations \$195,437,949; Total Obligations \$131,268,127

Today's Submission:

June 30, 2011 – Total Appropriations \$195,437,949; Total Obligations \$131,268,127

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