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Mortgagee Letter 2017-10

To
All FHA-approved Mortgagees
All Direct Endorsement Underwriters
All FHA Roster Appraisers
All FHA Roster Inspectors
All FHA-approved 203(k) Consultants
All HUD-approved Housing Counselors
All HUD-approved Nonprofit Organizations
All Governmental Entity Participants
All Real Estate Brokers
All Closing Agents

Subject
Additional Period of Eligibility for 203(h) Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims of Specific Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas (PDMDA) in Louisiana

Purpose
The purpose of this Mortgagee Letter is to announce the additional period of eligibility for section 203(h) mortgage, as a result of the extension of Federal Assistance for victims of the March 13, 2016 and August 14, 2016 Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas of Louisiana, in accordance with 24 CFR § 203.18(e)(3).

Effective Date
The provisions of this Mortgagee Letter are effective immediately.

Affected Programs
This guidance will affect Handbook 4000.1, section II.A.8.b.ii.(A)(1), Application Deadline.

Background
In accordance with Handbook 4000.1, for mortgages insured under Section 203(h), the FHA case number must be assigned within one year of the date the PDMDA is declared unless an additional period of eligibility is provided.
The 203(h) program period of eligibility is extended for case numbers assigned on or before September 8, 2017, for the following Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas:

- Louisiana Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4263) declared on March 13, 2016; and,
- Louisiana Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4277) declared on August 14, 2016.

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