MEMORANDUM TO: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators and NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

DATE: June 19, 2001

SUBJECT: Cover America II Update

Attached is the June 2001 Cover America II Update. Please distribute this information within your organization as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Coordinator.

Enclosure

cc: Vendors, IBHS, WYO Standards, FIPNC, WYO Marketing Committee, Government Technical Monitor

Suggested Routing: Marketing, Underwriting
NFIP Advertising and Media Schedule

The following is a list of all the publications on the NFIP print advertising schedule for June, July, and August 2001.

JUNE
Consumer Magazines
Country Home
Home
Essence
Family Handyman
Renovation Style
This Old House
Traditional Home
Agent Magazines
American Agent and Broker
Best’s Review (Property and Casualty/Life Health Edition)
Business Insurance
CPCU
Independent Agent
National Underwriter
Lender Magazines
National Mortgage News
U.S. Banker

JULY
Consumer Magazines
American Heritage
Country Home
Midwest Living
Old House Journal
This Old House
Weatherwise
Agent Magazines
American Agent & Broker
Best’s Review (Property and Casualty/Life Health Edition)
National Underwriter
Risk & Insurance (Agent/ Brokers only)

AUGUST
Consumer Magazines
Money
Smart Money
Southern Living
Agent Magazines
American Agent & Broker
Business Insurance
Independent Agent
National Underwriter
Lender Magazines
Bank Director
U.S. Banker

NFIP Co-op Advertising Program

Team up with the NFIP Co-op Advertising Program to save up to 50 percent on approved flood insurance ads for newspapers, magazines, and Yellow Pages directories. You can also qualify for these savings if you air an approved flood insurance television or radio spot.

As a participating member in the co-op program, you will get a free Yellow Pages listing that includes your name and telephone number. You will also be placed in the NFIP Leads Agent Database for referrals to consumers who contact the NFIP and need an insurance agent in their area to write flood insurance. Act today to take advantage of this opportunity! And remember that your flood insurance ad, whether you use one we have produced or you produce your own, must be approved before it runs. Be sure to send all applications and reimbursement materials to the following address: National Flood Insurance Program, C/o Bozell Worldwide, Properties Group, 40 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010.

To help you create compelling flood insurance ads, the NFIP has developed an array of customizable marketing materials. Be sure to check out over 20 new “True/False” and “Famous Last Words” ad slicks on the NFIP web site. These ad slicks and other materials can be downloaded directly from http://www.fema.gov/nfip/coverii.htm#4. Or you can receive hard copies by calling a co-op advertising manager at 1-800-564-8236.

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

It’s that time of year again—hurricane season. Besides wind damage, hurricanes can cause severe coastal and inland flooding. We have undertaken a number of steps to help raise awareness about the flood damage that hurricanes cause and what people can do to protect themselves. Spanish translations of “The ‘Be Flood Alert’ News Minute” radio public service announcements were distributed to radio stations in hurricane-prone Hispanic markets in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. An article for consumers titled "Protect Your Property Before Floods Occur" was released to newspapers, providing information about how one can prepare for floods. A hurricane season satellite and radio media tour was conducted featuring Deputy Administrator of the Federal Insurance Administration, Howard Leikin. Some stations broadcast the interviews live while others will air them over the next few weeks.

NATIONAL FLOOD CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

The "City of Many Waters," Minneapolis-St. Paul, was host to the May 2001 National Flood Conference. Highlights included exhibits and lectures about flood hazard identification, prevention, and loss protection. More than 30 workshops focused on categories such as risk management, flood insurance coverage, and marketing. Among this year’s speakers were Deputy Federal Insurance Administrator, Howard Leikin, and the new FEMA Director, Joe Allbaugh.

The National Flood Conference made a big splash with Minnesota radio airwaves, capturing the attention of Minnesota Public Radio, a national syndicated consumer radio program, regional stations, and several local stations affiliated with major networks. Combined, these outlets reach at least 70 radio stations throughout the Midwest. The conference was also covered by KSTP-TV, St. Paul’s ABC affiliate, airing two segments taped in the exhibit area. The Minneapolis Star Tribune also covered the conference in an article that focused on FEMA’s mitigation efforts.

The new “You Should Be Disturbed” door signs were a big hit, raising interest and generating conversation about the NFIP. Thanks to the 700 agents, lenders, and FEMA/NFIP representatives who made this year’s National Flood Conference a success!