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Dear Lender Letter 2025-01

To: All Tribes

All Tribally Designated Housing Entities

All Section 184 Approved Lenders and Servicers

Subject Reminder of Automatic 90-Day Foreclosure Moratorium for Presidentially

Declared Major Disaster Areas; Foreclosure Moratorium for Certain Federal

Emergency Management Agency Declarations

Purpose The purpose of this Dear Lender Letter (DLL) is to: (1) Remind Lenders and

declarations of Presidentially Declared Major Disaster Areas (PDMDAs) for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program (Section 184), and (2) Provide for extensions of foreclosure moratoriums related to certain

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declarations.

Effective This DLL is effective immediately.

Date

Feedback

Public HUD welcomes feedback from interested parties for a period of 30 calendar

days from the date of issuance. To provide feedback on this policy document, please send feedback to the Office of Loan Guarantee at Section184Comments@HUD.gov. HUD will consider the feedback in

determining the need for future updates.

Affected This DLL applies to the Section 184 program. **Programs**

Background Pursuant to Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice 2015-15, issued on

September 24, 2024, the Office of Native American Programs requires automatic 90-day foreclosure moratorium beginning on the date of the

PDMDA declaration by FEMA.

PDMDA Declarations

This DLL reminds all Section 184 Lenders and Services that **all PDMDA declarations by FEMA** shall subject Section 184 loans to an automatic 90-day foreclosure moratorium, beginning on the date of the PDMDA declaration by FEMA.

Please note that ONAP may determine an extension of the 90-day foreclosure moratorium may be needed for Section 184 properties within a PDMDA. When such a determination is made, the extension of the 90-day foreclosure moratorium will be announced in a DLL.

Extension of Foreclosure Moratorium for Certain FEMA Declarations

In September and October 2024, FEMA announced PDMDAs within the States of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The 90-day foreclosure moratorium ended in late 2024.

Given the extent of the damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, ONAP believes Borrowers need the additional time provided by the moratoriums to access federal, state, or local housing resources and consult with HUD-approved housing counselors, where available.

Accordingly, Section 184 properties located within the FEMA Declarations identified below are subject to a foreclosure moratorium through **July 7, 2025**, except for Section 184 guaranteed loans secured by vacant or abandoned properties.

| FEMA Declaration | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Florida Hurricane Helene, | <u>DR-4828-FL</u> |
| September 28, 2024 | |
| North Carolina Tropical Storm Helene, | <u>DR-4827-NC</u> |
| September 28, 2024 | |
| South Carolina Hurricane Helene, | <u>DR-4829-SC</u> |
| September 29, 2024 | |
| Georgia Hurricane Helene, | <u>DR-4830-GA</u> |
| September 30, 2024 | |
| Virginia Tropical Storm Helene, | <u>DR-4831-VA</u> |
| October 2, 2024 | |
| Tennessee Tropical Storm Helene, | DR-4832-TN |
| October 2, 2024 | |
| Florida Hurricane Milton, | <u>DR-4834-FL</u> |
| October 11, 2024 | |

Deadlines for the first legal action and Reasonable Due Diligence Time Frame are extended by 180 Days from **July 7, 2025**.

Questions

Any questions regarding this DLL may be directed to Section184@hud.gov.

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