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MEMORANDUM

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To: Thomas J. Casadevall, Central Regional Director
Joan J. Fitzpatrick, Deputy, Regional Director

From: Central Region Cost Center Chiefs

Subject: CR Concerns with BASIS+ Implementation

The purpose of this letter from 15 Water District Chiefs, 3 Biology Center Chiefs and 2 Mapping Center Chiefs, all located in the Central Region is to unanimously concur with the concerns expressed by our colleagues in the Northeastern Region in a letter to the Eastern Regional Director. The letter alerted the Eastern Regional Director to possible serious adverse effects on District programs related to an inability to financially manage cost centers because of continuing deficiencies with BASIS+. We concur with the urgent request for completion of the remaining budget policies and software modules of BASIS+, and agree that the deficiencies documented in the letter are commonly occurring throughout the Central Region Cost Centers. We agree that these deficiencies may cause serious financial consequences in many, or all of the Central Region Cost Centers. Furthermore, we hope that for those policies that have yet to be determined regarding costs, overhead, etc., that as much flexibility for Cost Centers be incorporated as is possible as the clock on this fiscal year continues to tick. We urge you to read the accompanying document to which I am referring respectfully put together by the Northeastern Region District Chiefs. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

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