



NEW ENGLAND ESCROW WAIVER REQUEST

(Lender)

(Applicant)

(Escrow Contact Person)

(Property Location)

We are requesting a waiver of RD Instruction 1980-D, 1980.315, whereby the above applicant is allowed to establish an escrow account to complete planned development that does not meet the criteria of 1980.315. We are making the following certifications in connection with this request:

- ◆ The planned development does not affect the livability of the dwelling.
- ◆ The planned development does not affect health or safety of the housing occupants.
- ◆ The reason for the delay in completing the planned development is _____
- ◆ The escrow account in the amount of \$ _____; covers at least 100% of the estimated cost of the development and will be held by the originating lender.
- ◆ We have a copy of the signed contract providing for the completion of the development work within 180 days of loan closing;

OR

The planned development will be completed by the borrower(s), the cost is less than 10% of the total loan amount and does not exceed \$5,000, and we have determined that the borrower has the knowledge and skills necessary to complete the planned development.

- ◆ Funds will be released by the lender upon receipt of a completion certificate, acknowledged by the borrower(s), indicating that all planned development has been satisfactorily completed.
- ◆ Completion certificate will be submitted to Rural Development within 30 days after the completion of the planned development. The final completion certificate must state that all repairs indicated on the property inspection report and/or development contract have been completed.
- ◆ As the origination lender, we understand that we are responsible for the escrow account and follow up to assure the development work is completed.
- ◆ We agree to apply any funds remaining after the planned development is complete as a principal reduction on the loan, with no cash to the borrower(s).

(Date)

Lender's Signature

This waiver request is hereby approved by Rural Development.

(Date)

Rural Development Signature