## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

300 South Spring Street, South Tower Los Angeles, CA 90013



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TO: ALL INSURERS LICENSED TO TRANSACT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE ZONING AND PROBABLE MAXIMUM LOSS

**EVALUATION PROGRAM** 

The enclosed California Earthquake PML Questionnaire as of December 31, 2015, will be due according to the following schedule:

Primary Carriers - June 30, 2016 Reinsurers - August 31, 2016 Retrocessionaires - September 30, 2016

This report is authorized by California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Chapter 5, Subchapter 3, Article 3, Section 2307. This report form can be downloaded from the Department's website at: http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0250-insurers/0300-insurers/0100-applications/rsb-forms/index.cfm.

Companies which had no Earthquake Insurance in force under any form on December 31, 2015, may satisfy the reporting requirement by so indicating at our Signature Page. You can save/scan the completed Signature Page to a pdf file and e-mail it to: RSBeqpml@insurance.ca.gov.

For companies that have data to report on Form A or Form B, we ask that you download the Excel files of the forms from our website. If you have any problems downloading the files, please feel free to call my staff at (213) 346-6731. Fill out the form using the downloaded file, and the Signature Page and e-mail them to <a href="RSBeqpml@insurance.ca.gov">RSBeqpml@insurance.ca.gov</a>. We are no longer requiring companies to print out the reporting forms.

If you are unable to scan the Signature Page back to a pdf file, you could mail it to:

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There were no changes to the PML Percentages this year. In 1998, there were revisions in the PML percentages for residential structures. These revisions are discussed on Page 2 of the Instructions.

We again emphasize the importance of primary carriers supplying the necessary information to their reinsurers, and reinsurers supplying it to their retrocessionaires, to assure complete reporting by zone. The results of this form may be seriously impaired without the consolidation of reinsurance data by zone. Your cooperation on this matter is essential to the success of the program. To help in this regard, a Form "X" is included which should be used for reporting to reinsurers.

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