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James Fleming, Director
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Dear Director Fleming:

On July 20, 2020, OCSE received your request for flexibility under the Stafford Act pursuant to DCL-20-04. As a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, North Dakota requested the following flexibility:

1. The 90 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.4(d) be extended to 180 calendar days.
2. The 30 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 60 calendar days.
3. The 60 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.6(c)(2) be extended to 120 calendar days.
4. The 20 calendar day timeframe set forth in 45 CFR 303.7(c)(4)(i) and (ii) be extended to 40 calendar days.
5. The request to waive the annual self-assessment review due for FY 2020 under 45 CFR 308.1(a) and 308.1(e)(2)(iv).

In accordance with the Stafford Act, the requested modifications are approved beginning January 20, 2020, and expiring at the end of the major disaster declaration for your jurisdiction. Please maintain communication with your Regional Program Manager regarding the status of your state's major disaster declaration.

If you have any questions concerning the approved request or need technical assistance, please contact Diane Degenhart at Diane.Degenhart@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Lekan
Acting Commissioner

cc: Diane Degenhart, OCSE Regional Program Manager, Region 8
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