

Office Approves Removal of up to 15,000 Policies for the August Citizens Insurance Take-Out

Thursday, June 05, 2014

Contact Info:

Harvey Bennett (850) 413-2515 <u>Harvey.Bennett@floir.com</u> Amy Bogner (850) 413-2515 <u>Amy.Bogner@floir.com</u>

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (Office) has approved the removal of up to 15,000 multi-peril personal residential policies from Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to <u>Heritage Property & Casualty Insurance Company</u>. This is part of the state's ongoing effort to reduce the number of policies in state-backed Citizens and transfer them into the private insurance market. Heritage has requested to remove 13,178 policies from Citizen's Personal Lines Account (non-coastal properties) and 1,822 from the Coastal Account (coastal properties) for the August 19, 2014 take-out period.

Today's announcement brings the total number of policies approved for take-outs this year to 359,341. Polices approved for removal by the Office are not all necessarily eliminated from Citizens inventory. The policyholder has the choice to remain with Citizens. Policyholders choosing to be transferred have a lower risk of being charged higher amounts for Citizens assessments. To date, 106,380 policies have been removed from Citizens.

For more information, please visit the Office's "Take-Out Companies" webpage at: <u>http://www.floir.com/Sections/PandC/TakeoutCompanies.aspx</u>.

About the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation

The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation has primary responsibility for regulation, compliance and enforcement of statutes related to the business of insurance and the monitoring of industry markets. For more information about the Office, please visit <u>www.floir.com</u> or follow us on Twitter <u>@FLOIR_comm</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.