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Subject: Closing Instruction No. 4, Fiscal Year 2016-17; Pending Lapse/Lapse Transactions and Reporting Deadlines	Date: May 25, 2017
By Direction of:  Randy C. Albright, Secretary of the Budget	Expiration Date: May 25, 2018
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This circular establishes final acceptance dates for submitting lapses and fiscal year-end closing reports to the Office of the Budget, Office of Comptroller Operations (Comptroller Operations), Bureau of Accounting and Financial Management (BAFM) and provides information regarding the SAP system blackout during fiscal year carry forward processes.

1. Lapses.

a. Agencies Under the Governor's Jurisdiction.

[Administrative Circular No. 17-05, Closing Instruction No. 2, Fiscal Year 2016-17; Preclosing at May 15, 2017](#) instructed agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction to project fiscal year-end lapses and federal expirations for ledgers 1, 2, 7, and 8. The pending lapses posted to SAP as a result of this process will lapse/expire automatically at fiscal year-end. A file to record these transactions as part of June business in the Treasury Automated Bookkeeping System (TABS) will be produced and sent by the Office of Administration, Office for Information Technology, Bureau of Integrated Enterprise System (IES) to the Treasury Department in July.

If a liquidation of commitments in June results in a balance of unneeded funds, the agency fiscal office or budget office must add this balance to a pending lapse, using SAP transaction code FMBB (Budgeting Workbench – Process: Transfer) to prepare a transfer from budget type 9000 (carry forward), if applicable to a prior year fund, or budget type 1000 (appropriated), if applicable to a current year fund, to budget type 5000 (pending lapse); this will require BAFM General Accounting Division workflow approval. Likewise, if the agency determines that pending lapse funds should be returned to the available balance, SAP transaction code FMBB (Budgeting Workbench – Process: Transfer) must be used to prepare a transfer from budget type 5000 (pending lapse) to budget type 9000 (carry forward); returning pending lapse funds to an available balance also requires BAFM General Accounting Division workflow approval. Lapses to continuing SAP funds (ledger 3) may also be addressed in SAP by using SAP transaction code FMBB.

Agencies under the Governor’s jurisdiction must process all pending lapse transactions by **Friday, June 16**, to be included in the June Treasury lapse file. Adjustments to lapses and federal expirations may be processed between **Friday, June 16**, and the close of business **Friday, June 30**, as necessary, and will be posted to SAP as June business.

b. Independent Agencies.

Independent agencies will prepare lapses using [Form STD-292, Report of Lapse](#) (Form STD-292). In order for the Treasury Department to record these transactions in fiscal year 2016-17, Form STD-292 must be received in BAFM by **Friday, June 16**. BAFM will post these lapses to SAP. Adjustments to lapses may be processed between **Friday, June 23**, and the close of business **Friday, June 30**, as necessary, and will be posted to SAP as June business. Lapses not submitted to BAFM in time for June posting to SAP and PeopleSoft will be recorded as fiscal year 2017-18 lapses.

2. Comptroller Operations Closing Reports and Reporting Deadlines.

The SAP reports required for the BAFM General Accounting Division to reconcile SAP funds to Treasury should be available by the evening of **Saturday, July 1**. The BAFM General Accounting Division must reconcile SAP funds to Treasury using the Exception Report produced by IES and post all necessary adjusting entries during posting period 13.

Copies of the completed reconciliation reports for all fund types and business areas must be placed in the respective revenue, and SAP fund reconciliation folders located at \\cwopa\oaroot\OBShares\Reconciliations no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, July 14**. The BAFM General Accounting Division should provide these reports to the BAFM closing team as they are completed, so the closing team can review them as quickly as possible. The files must be labeled according to the business area and the month and year they represent (e.g., “BA68-06-2017” denotes the Department of Agriculture, June 2017).

3. SAP System Blackout.

SAP posting period 13 will be open to Comptroller Operations and IES staff only, beginning on **Saturday, July 1 at 12 p.m.**, to close the 2016-17 fiscal year. Upon completion of closing activities on **Saturday, July 1 at 5 p.m.**, IES will initiate a system-wide blackout to perform fiscal year carry forward processes. All users will be locked out of the SAP system until carry forward processes are complete. IES plans to end the system-wide blackout on **Monday, July 3 at 6 a.m.** Agencies will be notified of any changes to the [System Blackout Schedule for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017](#).