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TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Across-the-Board Rescission in H.J. Res. 2

Purpose. This bulletin provides guidance on the rescission required by section 601 of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2003 as contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (H.J. Res. 2).

Background and coverage. Section 601 in Division N of H.J. Res. 2 (Attachment A) rescinds an amount equal to 0.65 percent of:

- (1) the budget authority provided (or obligation limitation imposed) for fiscal year 2003 for any discretionary account in divisions A through K of H.J. Res. 2;
- (2) the budget authority provided in any advance appropriation for fiscal year 2003 for any discretionary account in any prior fiscal year appropriations Act; and,
- (3) the contract authority provided in fiscal year 2003 for any program subject to limitation contained in H.J. Res. 2.

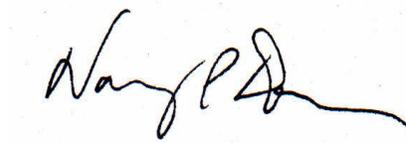
H.J. Res. 2 explicitly states that rescissions must be made proportionately to each program, project, and activity within each account. It also provides exemptions for specific programs.

Required actions. Agencies are required to submit their proposed rescission by Treasury appropriation fund symbol, type of budgetary resource, and the rescission amounts using the electronic format provided in Attachment B. To assist agencies, Treasury, and OMB in implementing and monitoring this rescission, Attachment B consolidates information previously requested to implement such rescissions and consequently requires agencies to provide more detailed information to OMB than they have for past rescissions. Agencies must also provide any additional supporting information requested by their Resource Management Offices. All material must be sent to the agency's OMB representative by Friday, February 28.

Once OMB notifies agencies that it concurs with the proposed rescissions, then agencies should reflect the rescissions in their FY 2003 reapportionments, which are due to OMB by Friday, March 7. While OMB Circular A-11 requires agencies to submit re-apportionments within 10 days of enactment, we have pushed out the due date an additional five days, which is the latest due date allowable by law.

Attachments C and D provide detailed guidance for budget and accounting offices to execute and report this rescission.

Contact. Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to the agency's OMB representatives.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Dorn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Dorn
Deputy Director

Attachments

ACROSS-THE-BOARD RESCISSIONS

Sec. 601(a) Across-the-Board Rescission. -- There is hereby rescinded an amount equal to 0.65 percent of--

- (1) the budget authority provided (or obligation limitation imposed) for fiscal year 2003 for any discretionary account in divisions A through K of this joint resolution;
- (2) the budget authority provided in any advance appropriation for fiscal year 2003 for any discretionary account in any prior fiscal year appropriations Act; and,
- (3) the contract authority provided in fiscal year 2003 for any program subject to limitation contained in this joint resolution.

(b) Proportionate Application. -- Any rescission made by subsection (a) shall be applied proportionately--

- (1) to each discretionary account and each item of budget authority described in subsection (a); and
- (2) within each such account and item, to each program, project, and activity (with programs, projects and activities as delineated in the appropriation Act or accompanying reports for the relevant fiscal year covering such account or item, or for accounts and items not included in appropriation Acts, as delineated in the most recently submitted President's budget).

(c) The rescission in subsection (a) shall not apply to budget authority appropriated or otherwise made available by this joint resolution in the following amounts in the following activities or accounts:

\$4,696,000,000 provided for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in the Department of Agriculture in division A;

\$6,667,533,000 provided for the Head Start Act in the Department of Education in division G; [While this is how it appears in the actual appropriations language, Head Start is still part of HHS, not Education.]

\$23,889,304,000 provided for medical care in the Department of Veterans Affairs in division K; and

\$3,836,000,000 provided for the Shuttle program in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in division K.

H.J. Res. 2 Across-the-Board Rescission (CLICK HERE TO GET EXCEL SPREADSHEET)

[Agency Name]

Treasury Agency	FY1	FY2	Treasury Account	Treasury Account Title	Type of Budgetary Resource	Amount of Rescission
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EXAMPLES:

80	2003	####	Governmental Operations - annual	Appropriation	(\$400,000)
80	2003	####	Governmental Maintenance - annual	Advance appropriation	(\$30,000)
80	2003 / 2004	####	Governmental Operations - multiyear	Obligation limitation (on appropriation)	(\$50,000)
80	X	####	Governmental Operations - noyear	Contract authority	(\$10,000)

**Instructions for accounting and budget offices related
to executing and reporting rescissions**

What accounting event happened that must be acted on?

Section 601 of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2003 (H.J. Res. 2), which was enacted on February 20, 2003, contains an across-the-board rescission. The Public Law number has not yet been assigned by the National Archives and Records Administration. See www.archives.gov/federal_register/public_laws/public_laws.html.

How much flexibility do I have in allocating the rescission?

The language says: "Any rescission made by subsection (a) shall be applied proportionately--

(1) to each discretionary account and each item of budget authority described in subsection (a); and

(2) within each such account and item, to each program, project, and activity (with programs, projects and activities as delineated in the appropriation Act or accompanying reports for the relevant fiscal year covering such account or item, or for accounts and items not included in appropriation Acts, as delineated in the most recently submitted President's budget)."

In general, what must I do?

Execute the rescission, and then ensure that it is consistently reported on the SF 132, SF 133, and the actual column of the FY 2005 Budget Program and Financing (P&F) schedule.

Specifically, what must I do?

1. OMB Bulletin. Respond to the OMB Bulletin. A copy of the enacted appropriations language and instructions for responding are contained in an attachment to the Bulletin.
2. FMS 6200 Warrant. Contact the Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS) Budget Reports Division to request a negative FMS 6200 Warrant for affected accounts appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury or associated with unavailable receipt accounts. You will need to know the amount and the Treasury appropriation fund symbol (which includes the period of availability) to request a warrant.
3. SF 132 Apportionment. Prepare an SF 132 Apportionment with the rescission amount on the appropriate line number. For general, special, trust, and revolving funds use line 6E "Permanently not available pursuant to Public Law 108-[xxx]". Because both temporary and permanent reductions are included in line 6E, see Treasury Financial Manual, USSGL Supplement or consult your agency's USSGL representative to identify the specific U.S. Government Standard General Ledgers that provide the mechanism to either make the funds

temporarily or permanently not available. See OMB Circular No. A-11, Appendix F for further guidance.

4. U.S. Government Standard General Ledger (USSGL)/FACTS II. Record the rescission using the appropriate USSGL codes in your accounting system so that the proper amounts will be reported via FACTS II. FACTS II will then create the SF 133 and initial set of data for the P&F schedule. When reporting the rescission via FACTS II, use 108-[xxx] for Public_Law_Number. For general funds appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury and special and trust funds associated with unavailable receipt accounts, use USSGL account 4396. For revolving, special, and trust funds associated with available receipt accounts, use USSGL account 4386. For funds with contract authority, consult the Department of the Treasury, FMS, USSGL Division. See Treasury Financial Manual, USSGL Supplement or consult your agency's USSGL representative for further guidance.

5. SF 133 Report on Budget Execution and Budgetary Resources. By using FACTS II appropriately, the amounts will crosswalk to SF 133 line 6E "Permanently not available pursuant to Public Law 108-[xxx]." See OMB Circular No. A-11, Appendix F for further guidance.

6. Budget Program and Financing (P&F) schedule. As a result of correctly reporting the amounts via FACTS II for the fourth quarter of FY 2003, they will be automatically crosswalked to the appropriate P&F line number. The accounting and the budget offices must work together to ensure that the actual column of the FY 2005 Budget P&F schedule accurately reflects this rescission. See OMB Circular No. A-11, section 82 for further guidance. The specific reduction line will be identified in the updated OMB Circular No. A-11 in the upcoming months.

Relationship among Selected SF 132, SF 133 and Budget Program and Financing Schedule Lines as they relate to the Across-The-Board Rescission, H.J. Res. 2

SF 132 APPORTIONMENT AND REAPPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE			
AGENCY: Department of Government BUREAU: Government Bureau		APPROPRIATION OR FUND TITLE AND SYMBOL 80-2003-???? Governmental Operations	
	AMOUNT ON LATEST SF 132	AGENCY REQUEST	ACTION BY OMB
BUDGETARY RESOURCES	<p>For general funds appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury and special and trust funds associated with unavailable receipt accounts, the rescission makes the funds permanently not available. The funds, then, are returned to the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury or the unavailable receipt account.</p>		
6. Permanently not available: E. Pursuant to Public Law 108-[xxx] (-).....		-xxx,xxx	
	<p>For revolving, special, and trust funds associated with available receipt accounts, the rescission makes the funds temporarily not available. For special and trust funds, the funds, then, are returned to the corresponding available receipt account and are available for a subsequent appropriation.</p>		
7. Total budgetary resources.....			

NOTE: Line 6E, These amounts are rescinded pursuant to Section 601 of Public Law 108-[xxx], signed 2/20/03.

SF 133 REPORT ON BUDGET EXECUTION AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES			
AGENCY: Department of Government BUREAU: Government Bureau		APPROPRIATION OR FUND TITLE AND SYMBOL 80-2003-???? Governmental Operations	
	FY 2003 Unexpired Account	FY 2002 Expired Account	Total
BUDGETARY RESOURCES	<p>For general funds appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury and special and trust funds associated with unavailable receipt accounts, use USSGL account 4396. By using USSGL account 4396, the rescission makes the funds permanently not available. The funds, then, are returned to the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury or the unavailable receipt account. For contract authority, consult the Department of the Treasury, FMS, USSGL Division.</p>		
6. Permanently not available: E. Pursuant to Public Law 108-[xxx] (-).....	-xxx,xxx		
	<p>For revolving, special, and trust funds associated with available receipt accounts, use USSGL account 4386. By using USSGL account 4386, the rescission makes the funds temporarily not available. For special and trust funds, the funds, then, are returned to the corresponding available receipt account and are available for a subsequent appropriation. For contract authority, consult the Department of the Treasury, FMS, USSGL Division.</p>		
7. Total budgetary resources.....			

NOTE: Line 6E, These amounts are rescinded pursuant to Section 601 of Public Law 108-[xxx], signed 2/20/03.

BUDGET PROGRAM AND FINANCING SCHEDULE		
Identification code: 80-????-0-?-350		FY 2005 Budget Appendix 2003 actual
Budgetary resources available for obligation:		
2200	New budget authority (gross).....	-xxx,xxx
New budget authority (gross), detail:		
	Appropriation	For funds appropriated from the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury, special fund receipts, or trust fund receipts, enter amount on line P407X.
	Discretionary:	For contract authority, enter amount on line P497X.
XX7X	Reduction pursuant to P.L. 108-[xxx](-).....	-xxx,xxx
	7000 Total new budget authority (gross).....	-xxx,xxx
Net budget authority and outlays:		
	8900 Budget authority (net).....	-xxx,xxx

Unexpired