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agreement period shall be retained by the State agency in accordance with the provisions of A-102, Attachment E and used to further Program objectives; except that interest earned on Program funds at the State or local levels shall be used in accordance with the provisions of A-102, Attachment E. A State agency's financial management system shall provide guidelines to assure that: income earned is recorded as individual transactions within the accounting records in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles for recording expenditures and revenues; and specifically earmarked Program income is used for the purpose(s) intended.

§ 247.13 Records and reports.

(a) *Recordkeeping requirements.* Each State agency shall, in accordance with § 250.6(r), maintain accurate and complete records with respect to the receipt, disposal, and inventory of supplemental foods, including the determination made as to liability for any improper distribution or use of, or loss of, or damage to, such foods and the result obtained from the pursuit of claims arising in favor of the State agency. Accurate and complete records shall also be maintained with respect to the receipt and disbursement of administrative funds. State agencies shall require all local agencies to maintain accurate and complete records with respect to the receipt, disposal and inventory of supplemental foods and with respect to receipt and disbursement of administrative funds. All records required by this section shall be retained for a period of 3 years following the date of submission of the annual expenditure report for the period to which the reports pertain. All records, except medical case records of participants (unless they are the only source of certification data), shall be available during normal business hours for representatives of the Department and the General Accounting Office of the United States to inspect, audit, and copy. Any reports resulting from such examinations shall not divulge names of individuals.

(b) *Financial reports.* All financial data shall be submitted quarterly on the S.F. 269(WIC/CSFP) and/or the S.F.

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(c) *Participation and food distribution reports.* Participation and Food Distribution reports FNS-153 and FNS-155 shall be submitted as required by FNS, at a frequency prescribed by FNS. Annually, a physical inventory of all foods at each storage and distribution site is required to be submitted to FNS at a date specified by FNS.

(d) *Civil rights.* Each local agency participating under the Program shall submit a report of racial and ethnic participation data FNS-191, at a frequency prescribed by FNS.

(e) *Audit acceptability of reports.* To be acceptable for audit purposes, all financial and Program performance reports shall be traceable to source documentation.

(f) *Certification of reports.* Financial and Program reports shall be certified as to their completeness and accuracy by the person given that responsibility by the State agency.

(g) *Use of reports.* FNS shall use State agency reports to measure progress in achieving objectives set forth in the State Plan. If it is determined, through review of State agency reports, Program or financial analysis, or an audit, that a State agency is not operating according to its State Plan, FNS may request additional information and take other appropriate actions.

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§ 247.14 Procurement and property management standards.

(a) *Requirements.* State and local agencies shall comply with the requirements of Circular A-102, Attachment 0 for procurement of equipment and other services with Program funds. These requirements are adopted by FNS to ensure that such materials and services are obtained for the Program in an effective manner and in compliance with the provisions of applicable law and executive orders.

(b) *Contractual responsibilities.* The standards contained in Circulars A-90, A-102 and A-110, where applicable, do

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not relieve the State or local agency of the responsibilities arising under its contracts. The State agency is the responsible authority, without recourse to FNS, regarding the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of procurements entered into in connection with the Program. This includes, but is not limited to: Disputes, claims, protests of awards, source evaluation, or other matters of a contractual nature. Matters concerning violation of law are to be referred to such local, State or Federal authority as may have proper jurisdiction.

(c) *State regulations.* The State or local agency may use its own procurement regulations which reflect applicable State and local regulations, provided that procurements made with Program funds adhere to the standards set forth in Circulars A-90, A-102 and Circular A-110, where applicable.

(d) *Property acquired with Program funds.* State and local agencies shall observe the standards prescribed in A-102, Attachment N, and A-110, Attachment N, where applicable, in their utilization and disposition of property acquired in whole or in part with Program funds.

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§ 247.15 Audits.

(a) *Federal access to information.* The Secretary, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, or State auditors shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the State and local agencies and their contractors, for the purpose of making surveys, audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts.

(b) *State agency response.* The State agency may take exception to particular audit findings and recommendations. The State agency shall submit a response or statement to FNS as to the action taken or planned regarding the findings. A proposed corrective action plan developed and submitted by the State agency shall in-

clude specific time frames for its implementation and for completion of the correction of deficiencies and problems leading to the deficiencies.

(c) *Corrective action.* FNS shall determine whether Program deficiencies have been adequately corrected. If additional corrective action is necessary, FNS shall schedule a followup review, allowing a reasonable time for such corrective action to be taken.

(d) *State sponsored audits.* (1) Each State agency shall provide for an independent audit of the financial operations of the State agency and local agencies. Audits may be conducted by State and local government audit staffs, State licensed public accountants who were licensed on or before December 31, 1970, or by Certified Public Accountants and audit firms under contract to the State or local agencies. Audits shall conform to: "The Standards of Audit of Governmental Organizations, Program Activities and Functions," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Reprint 1974, for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402); the "Guidelines for Financial and Compliance Audits of Federally Assisted Programs," issued by the U.S. General Accounting Office, October 1978 (for sale by the U.S. General Accounting Office, Distribution Section, Room 1518, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20013); any compliance supplements approved by OMB; and generally accepted auditing standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. An audit shall be used to determine whether:

(i) Financial operations are properly conducted; (ii) the financial reports are fairly presented; (iii) the State or local agency has complied with applicable laws, regulations, and administrative requirements pertaining to financial management; and (iv) proper inventory controls (physical and paper) are being maintained.

(2) The State agency shall conduct audits in accordance with the provisions of A-102, Attachment P. Audits of the State agency and the local agencies under the State agency's jurisdiction shall be performed in a representative