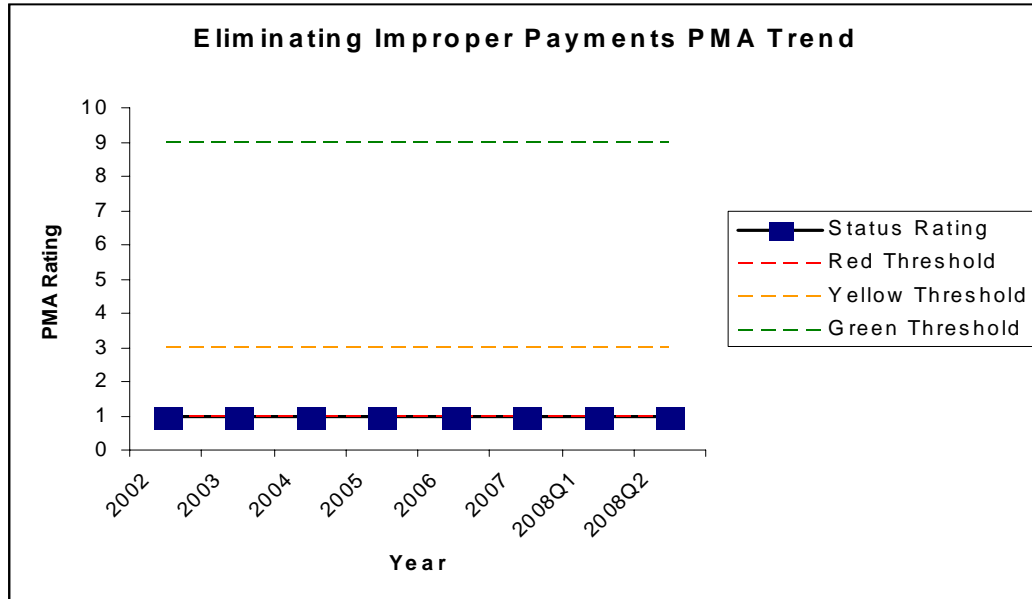


Office of Performance Budgeting and Strategic Planning

ELIMINATING IMPROPER PAYMENTS

To successfully achieve the objectives of the Eliminating Improper Payments initiative the Treasury Department is strengthening its financial management controls. Since the implementation of the Improper Payments Act of 2004 the Department has been working to enhance the accuracy and integrity of its federal payments in order to better ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and efficiently. In fiscal year 2007, Treasury continued its efforts to reduce the number of improper payments for its Earned Income Tax Credit program.

Progress to Date:



(This chart shows the status rating for Eliminating Improper Payments from 2002 through the present. To date, the rating has not risen above the red threshold.)

In order to meet the Office of Management and Budget's **Standards for Success**, the Treasury Department is initiating several actions during fiscal year 2008.

- The Treasury Department is working towards completing field activities associated with the third year of the Earned Income Tax Credit Return Preparer Study and analyzing short-term outcomes of new treatments tested.
- The Department is assessing the 2008 Earned Income Tax Credit marketing and awareness campaigns that target the Earned Income Tax Credit eligible and non-compliant population to refine and focus as necessary to increase overall participation and improve compliance.