Subject: Thrift Savings Plan Regulations on Correction of Administrative Errors

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The Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (Board) has issued final regulations in 5 C.F.R. Part 1605 regarding the correction of errors made in the administration of the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). This bulletin transmits a copy of the regulations that became effective when they were published in the Federal Register on December 27, 1996. These regulations supersede the regulations that were issued in December 1987 and transmitted by TSP Bulletin 87-64, dated December 28, 1987.

Summary of changes. The new regulations reflect policy and procedural changes that have been adopted since 1987. They also contain more detail regarding the correction of certain errors, and they eliminate provisions that no longer apply. In addition, the regulations have been reorganized.

The regulations are now divided into four subparts. Subpart A contains definitions, which have been expanded. Subpart B contains procedures for correcting administrative errors made by employing agencies. This subpart includes provisions that change some procedures relating to the correction of errors resulting from erroneous separations (see § 1605.4) and erroneous retirement system determinations (see § 1605.5). It also includes more detail regarding negative adjustments and agencies' claims procedures. Subpart C contains expanded procedures for correcting administrative errors made by the Board or the TSP recordkeeper. Subpart D contains miscellaneous provisions and addresses belated TSP elections.

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Correction Regulations, dated December 28, 1987.

Agency responsibilities. Agencies must follow the procedures specified by these regulations to correct agency administrative errors. In addition, agencies must follow the procedures specified by the lost earnings regulations in 5 C.F.R. Part 1606 if, as a result of agency administrative errors, employees are entitled to lost earnings.

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Attachment 5 C.F.R. Part 1605, Correction of Administrative Errors; Final Rule