

**Student and Exchange Visitor Program Office**  
**SEVIS Technical Conference Call with the Educational Community**  
**Questions and Answers from Wednesday, July 26, 2006**

1. "Active Students Requiring Status Verification" alert update ..... 1

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In an October 2003 DHS/NAFSA call, NAFSA inquired about the "Active Students Requiring Status Verification" alert, which lists numerous students on OPT who would only have address updates (if the students move). DHS Response at the time was as follows: "Students on post-completion OPT will continue to be on the list, even after the 4.8 release, if their OPT is longer than six months. However, P/DSOs are not required to do a status verification or take other action for students on OPT."

We understand that this alert is useful to schools whose terms are longer than six months (e.g., a school that registers students for terms of a year, and who must verify status at least every 6 months). But the alerts also contain records of students that do not need to be verified, e.g., students on OPT or students whose OPT applications continue to show as "pending." For schools on a semester or trimester basis, this list might consist entirely of records that do not have to be verified.

Could you consider filtering out the records of students that do not need to be verified so that they do not appear on this alert?

*Response: The "Active Students Requiring Status Verification" alert contains students in Active status that have not been updated within the previous 6 months. These students will remain in this alert list until an update is made to their record, the record changes status to Initial, Canceled, Terminated, or Completed, or the PDSO or DSO verifies the student's record status using the 'Verify Status' link.*

*This alert includes students on OPT because 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(E) requires, "A DSO who recommends a student for optional practical training is responsible for maintaining the record of the student for the duration of the time that training is authorized."*

*For students on OPT who appear on this alert, school officials may utilize the 'Verify Status' link.*

