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DRAFT AMENDMENT – For Discussion purposes only at the WRIS Advisory Group Meeting, New Orleans, July 15.

**Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS)
Data Sharing Agreement Amendment Proposal Form**

Proposal Number: 12

Proposal Title:

Prohibiting Wage Data Storage on Devices That Can Be Compromised

Reference: *Section VIII.B.9 and Section VIII.C.8*

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Statement of Issue:

The WRIS Agreement recognizes that wage data is confidential and measures must be taken to ensure the confidentiality and security of the data. Sections VIII B.9 and VIII C.8 provide that wage data shall be processed in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve such records by means of computer, remote terminal, or any other means. The proposed language adds some specificity to the above requirement by prohibiting the wage data from being maintained on a device that can be compromised.

Discussion of Issue:

To be conducted during the WRIS Advisory Group meeting, July 15, 2008.

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Statement of Proposed Change/Proposal:

Reference: Section VIII. Confidentiality/Restrictions on Use of Information, Subsection B, paragraph 9

Original Provision:

9. The Wage Data obtained through the WRIS Clearinghouse shall be processed so as to protect the confidentiality of the data, and in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve such records by means of computer, remote terminal, or any other means.

Proposed Replacement Provision:

9. The Wage Data obtained through the WRIS Clearinghouse shall be processed so as to protect the confidentiality of the data, and in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve such records by means of computer, remote terminal, or any other means. Such wage data may never be downloaded to or maintained on a mobile or portable device, such as, laptop computers, BlackBerries, USB flash drives, iPods, CD-ROMs, DVDs, floppy disks, or the equivalent of any of these items.

Reference: Section VIII. Confidentiality/Restrictions on Use of Information, Subsection C, paragraph 8

Original Provision:

8. The Wage Data obtained by ETA through the WRIS shall be processed in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of the records, and in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve such data by means of computer, remote terminal, or any other means.

Proposed Replacement Provision:

8. The Wage Data obtained by ETA through the WRIS shall be processed in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of the records, and in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve such data by means of computer, remote terminal, or any other means. Such wage data may never be downloaded to or maintained on a mobile or portable device, such as, laptop computers, BlackBerries, USB flash drives, iPods, CD-ROMs, DVDs, floppy disks, or the equivalent of any of these items.

Supporting Documentation:

Not applicable