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- 2. Infrequent Travelers. Any bargaining unit employee who has been issued a DoD travel card and is identified as an infrequent traveler will be notified two weeks in advance before their travel card is deactivated provided that Bank of America gives DLA more than 2 weeks notice. In the event DLA does not receive 2 weeks notice, the Agency will notify the employee within 2 workdays of receiving notice. The preferred notification method will be by email unless the cardholder does not have email access. In cases where the bargaining unit member does not have email access, the cardholder will be notified in writing that their card will be deactivated and the date of deactivation. Notification will include information on options available to infrequent travelers. Such information will also be on the DLA Travel web page and available in hard copy upon request.
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- 7. All remedies available under the Master Labor Agreement or 5 U.S.C. Chapter 71 are available to the parties if either party believes the other has failed to comply with any of the requirements of this MOA.
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