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Dear Data Recipient or Reporter:

We have completed an analysis of our computer software applications, programs, and reports for Year 2000 compliance. At this time, we have made no changes nor are we currently planning any modifications to the reports or data layouts that you submit to us or reports or data layouts you receive from us.

We also want to notify you of our systems enhancements used to compute the century when a two digit year is used as input. The algorithm we used to define the century in our system is referred to as the "Rule of 41".

- If the year you report is less than "41", our systems assume the century is "2000".
- If the reported year is "41" or greater, our systems assume the century is "1900".

We will use this logic with all data we process. Again, the current date field sizes will not change. Please submit any questions to the following address or E-mail to **y2k.mail@mms.gov**:

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Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

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