Payroll/Personnel System - Calendar Year (CY) 10-Pay Period (PP) 20 Release Notes

Effective Pay Period 20, 2010, the following agency-specific and community-wide changes will be implemented in the Payroll/Personnel System. A high-level summary of the changes is reflected in the table below. The detailed documentation on these changes will be available in the applicable procedure. To view the procedure, go to the National Finance Center (NFC) home page (www.nfc.usda.gov) and click the **Publications tab**. Then on the right-hand Quick Picks menu, click **Procedures By Acronym**, and search for the applicable procedure.

The summary table references the project number, identifies whether the project is an agency-specific or community-wide change, project title and a brief description of the change.

Project Number	Community-Wide or Agency-Specific	Project Title	Description Of The Change
00103	Community-Wide	Modification of Pennsylvania State Tax Computation	Modification to the Special Payroll Processing System (SPPS) will be made to subtract the non-taxable bi-weekly Federal Health Plan payment from the bi-weekly wages for the State of Pennsylvania, state code 42.
00138	Agency-Specific	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Nights Out Stipend Transaction Code	A new allowance is being added for the processing of Nights Out Stipend for OCC. The Transaction Code "53" with a Suffix of "03" will be generated when this allowance is processed.
00171	Agency-Specific	Employment Standards Administration Reorganization	Four new agencies have been established due to the dissolved/reorganization of the Employment Standards Administration. The new Sub-element Codes are "WH" Wage and Hour Division, "OF" Office of Federal Contract Compliance, "OL" Office of Labor Management Standards, and "OW" Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.
00222	Agency-Specific	webTA Implementation of USDA, Office of Advocacy and Outreach (AO)	Modifications to the system are being made to implement the AO into webTA.
00225	Agency-Specific	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), New York City (NYC) Commutation Stipend Transaction Code	The NYC Commutation Stipend allowance currently existing in SPPS is being updated for use by OCC. The Transaction Code "56" with a Suffix of "02" will be generated when this allowance is processed.
00392	Agency-Specific	Payroll Estimate for Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)	System modifications will be made to discontinue the payroll estimate for the CNCS.

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00396	Agency-Specific	Add Federal Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Data to the Charles Schwab Master File Layout for Department of Treasury, Office Of Thrift Supervision (OTS)	System modifications will be made to add Federal TSP Data fields to the bi-weekly Schwab Master File for the Department of Treasury, OTS.
00402	Community-Wide	Eliminate Guam State Taxes	System modifications will be made to prevent a state tax document from being processed for Guam taxes. Employees in Guam are only required to have Federal taxes withheld.
00406	Community-Wide	Modification to SPPS "SAVE" Button for Danger Pay Calculation	SPPS will be modified to allow users to process a Miscellaneous Payment, Danger Pay Document by systematically placing a zero in the Number of Exemptions field, if the field is blank.
00458	Community-Wide	Information, Research, Inquiry System (IRIS) Problem with Benefeds Dental and Vision	System modifications will be made to retrieve and display the Benefit Type on IRIS screens. IRIS will display the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan name and the Benefit Type to identify the type of coverage. The Benefit Types are as follows: Benefit Type 1, Government Wide; Benefit Type 2, Non-Government Wide; Benefit Type 3, OPM Dental and Vision Plans.
00476	Community-Wide	Stop Withholding of Panama Taxes	System modifications will be made to prevent a state tax document from being processed for Panama taxes. Employees in Panama are only required to have Federal taxes withheld.
00503	Community-Wide	Allow Iraq/Afghanistan Employees to Exceed the Bi-Weekly Premium Pay Cap	System modifications will be made to waive the premium pay limitations up to the annual rate of salary payable to the Vice President under Section 104, of Title 3, United States Code for employees working in Iraq or Afghanistan.
00533	Agency-Specific	Time Off Award Caps Removal for Department of Commerce	System modifications will be made to remove the current system limits on the amount of time off award that a Department of Commerce employee may receive.
00535	Agency-Specific	Data Feed for eOPF for National Gallery of Art	NFC will electronically transmit employee data and SF50 data to eOPF for the National Gallery of Art. (Agency Code 24, 1863 and Agency code GP, 1863)
00538	Community-Wide	Modification of IRIS Screens	Screen modifications will be made to several IRIS Programs, IR109, IR114, IR122, IR222, IR516, IR522, and IR523. These changes include the addition of literals, receipt accounts amounts being updated, field name changes and additions.

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60359	Community-Wide	Remote Forms Queuing System (RFQS) Notification Letters for TSP	Changes will be made to the RFQS Notification Letter for the TSP to display "TSP-1 Amount" to indicate a regular contribution and "TSP-1C Amount" to indicate catch-up contributions. Currently these fields are not identified separately on the letter.
80254	Community-Wide	New "Detail" Nature of Action Codes (NOACs)	System modifications will be made to establish new NOACs for Detail and Change in Quarters Deduction actions. These will replace the currently used NOACs as per Office of Personnel Management requirements.
90116	Community-Wide	Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Leave Without Pay (LWOP) Counters and Flags	New fields are being added to IRIS and Time Inquiry System (TINQ) to track FEGLI LWOP non-pay time. Modifications are also being made to reset the FEGLI flag and counters once the employee has been back at work for 120 consecutive days after a return-to-duty action. Bills for FEGLI premiums will not be automatic and must be initiated by the employing agency using SPPS. Terminations of FEGLI coverage must also be initiated by the employing agency.
90423	Community-Wide	Extended Assignment Incentives	A new Miscellaneous Payments type is being added in SPPS for the processing of Extended Assignment Incentives. The Transaction Code "56" with a Suffix of "05" will be generated when this incentive is processed.
90475 and 90533	Agency−Specific	Establish Lifecycle Option Payment for the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) and Update the Entry, Processing, Inquiry and Correction System (EPIC), and the Front−End System Interface (FESI), with Transaction Code required to process Life Cycle Option Payments for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and OTS	System modifications will be made to EPIC and FESI process to allow the processing of Allowance-Type 528, Life Cycle Acct Taxable, TC 52, Suffix 08 for the OTS and OCC. Once the pay process executes the system will automatically cancel the allowance. If the payment is rejected for any reason, it will have to be resubmitted by the agency.

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90614	Agency–Specific	Certification/License Fees for the Federal Housing Finance Agency	System modifications will be made in the SPPS to create a new process that will allow the Federal Housing Finance Agency to pay Certification/License Fees to employees that are eligible to receive it.
90639	Community–Wide	Establish a New Code to Track Time Off Award based on Performance	System changes will be made to establish two new Time Off Award codes. Award Code, C066, Time Off Award -Performance Based, will be used with NOAC 846, Individual Time Off Award. Award Code, C067, Group Time Off Award-Performance Based Award will be used with NOAC 847, Group Time Off Award. Currently there is just one code to track a Time Off Award.