Q. Will FMS grant waivers for those agencies that cannot meet the October 1, 2014, deadline?

A. No. FMS has been working with agencies for the last three years to inform them of these impending changes and have expressed the need for agencies to begin looking at the necessary process and system changes that would be necessary to meet the governmentwide accounting reporting requirements in the future. FMS strongly believes that the 2014 date provides sufficient time for agencies to comply.

Q. If we cannot provide the TAS on our payment files by 2014, what will FMS do with those payments?

A. FMS will reject those payments back to the agency with the error message that a valid TAS is required. By the end of 2012, the Secure Payment System (SPS) will have the capability to accept TAS/BETC during the certification process. Between the end of 2012 and October 1, 2014, FMS feels agencies should be able to provide the appropriate TAS information on where agencies are disbursing funds from.

Q. What does Treasury/FMS plan to do if an agency does not comply with the requirement to report the component Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) by October 1, 2014? What are the consequences of non-compliance? Will this lead to rejected files/transactions, an inability to report or Fund Balance with Treasury (FBWT) issues?

A. The above mentioned items could occur. In some cases, such as collections, transactions may not be rejected and might post to a "suspense account" and the agency would need to reclassify. There could be some FBWT reconciliation issues if an agency is not classifying transactions timely, but this could happen today.

Q. Our disbursing sites use ITS.gov and Pay.gov. Will the October 1, 2014, compliance date apply to NTDOs?

A. The 10/1/14 date will still apply. FMS is working on a solution to address the NTDO payments that will be completed by 2012. FMS still plans on receiving and posting the data daily. As the proposed solution is developed, FMS will contact the NTDO's and address any changes in reporting requirements.

Q. We use CA\$HLINK and PCC-OTC. Will we be required to convert from these legacy systems to the Transaction Reporting System by December 31, 2012?

A. Yes. Our collections area are working with agencies to convert their current collections from CA\$LINK II to the Transaction Reporting System. In addition, FMS is working to streamline many of our collection channels and the appropriate areas will be contacting their users on any impacts of these changes.

Q. Will our current file formats used to submit monthly files (SOA/SOT) change due to requirement for component TAS vs. string?

A. Once transactions are classified daily, end of the month reporting will be eliminated. Until that time, the current file formats should not change for the (SOA/SOT).