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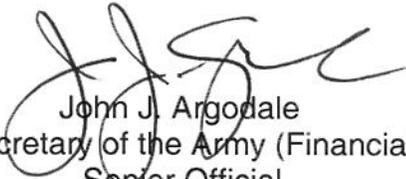
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Unacceptable Occurrences of Antideficiency Act (ADA) Violations

1. While we have made great progress in reducing our inventory of aged ADAs and improving fiscal law training of fund certifiers, the Army's ADA portfolio remains at an unacceptable level. Command emphasis at all echelons is necessary, not only to reduce the number of cases in our active inventory, but most importantly -- to prevent violations from occurring. We currently have 35 total cases in the preliminary and formal investigative process -- seven of these formal cases are older than one year and ten cases have outstanding actions that are overdue. Moreover, we continue to experience a recurrence of certain similar violations, particularly in areas related to work classification. This indicates the existence of significant weaknesses in internal controls and I need your help to correct this problem. Continued improvements in our program are essential to maintaining the highest standards of financial stewardship.
2. Our ADA timelines are directly tied to OSD reporting metrics pursuant to provisions of Volume 14 of the DoD Financial Management Regulation. Consequently, barring exceptional circumstances, I will not grant extensions for the submission of preliminary and formal reports. Please ensure that the investigators you appoint are aware of our regulatory reporting requirements and conduct sufficient backwards planning to guarantee timely, quality submissions accompanied by a cogent legal review. On a case-by-case basis, I will request periodic updates from senior leaders at your commands to ensure that Army goals are being met. The attached enclosure, provides a current ADA status as it applies to your commands.
3. My point of contact is Mr. Michael Anglemyer, who can be reached at (703) 614-7069, email: michael.anglemyer@us.army.mil.

Enclosure


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