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Planning for Potential Lapse in Funding

As many of you are aware, annual funding for much of the Government expires on September 30. There is still time for the Congress to complete appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024.

Prudent management requires the proper preparation for all contingencies, including the possibility that a lapse could occur. A lapse would mean that certain Government activities would cease due to a lack of appropriated funding. To prepare for this possibility, we have updated our contingency plans for executing an orderly shutdown of activities that would be affected by a lapse in appropriations. During a lapse, designated, pre-notified employees of this agency would be temporarily furloughed. After the lapse ends, furloughed and excepted employees will receive retroactive pay for the furlough period as soon as possible.

Because NTIS operates on the basis of fees collected from its customers rather than annual appropriations, NTIS would still have access to those fees which enable the agency to continue normal operations for a period of time. We are working with our Office of General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer to update our contingency plans should NTIS need to execute an orderly shutdown of activities after that point.

We understand uncertainty can be unsettling. Thank you for your continued service, and dedication as we move through this process. We greatly appreciate your patience. Thank you for your commitment and the remarkable work you do every day for the Department of Commerce and the American people.