

(e) *Final reports.* (1) Final reports (i.e., the last report submitted) must not show any unpaid obligations.

(2) If the recipient will still have unpaid obligations when the final report is due, the recipient shall submit a provisional final report (showing the unpaid obligations) by the due date, and a true final report when all obligations have been paid. When submitting a provisional final report, the recipient shall tell the awarding agency when it expects to submit a true final report.

(3) As provided in §3015.81(f), awarding agencies may waive provisional final reports.

**§ 3015.83 Federal cash transactions report.**

(a) *Form.* (1) For grants or cooperative agreements paid by letters of credit (or Treasury check advances) through any USDA payment office, the recipient shall submit to USDA a Standard Form 272, Federal Cash Transactions Report, and, when necessary, its continuation sheet, SF-272a. Recipients under the Regional Disbursing Office (RDO) system shall not be required to submit a SF-272. For these recipients, awarding agencies shall use information contained in the Request for Payment to monitor recipient cash balances and to get disbursement information.

(2) The SF-272 will be used by USDA to monitor cash advanced to recipients and to obtain disbursement or outlay information from recipients for each grant or cooperative agreement. The format of the report may be adapted, as appropriate, when reporting is to be accomplished with the assistance of automatic data processing equipment, provided that the identical information is submitted.

(b) *Forecasts of Federal cash requirements.* Awarding agencies may require that forecasts of Federal cash requirements be provided in the "Remarks" section of the report.

(c) *Cash in hands of subrecipients or contractors.* When considered necessary and feasible by the responsible USDA awarding agency, recipients may be required to:

(1) Show in the "Remarks" section of the report the amount of cash advances exceeding three days needs in the

hands of their subrecipients or contractors, and

(2) Provide short narrative explanations or actions taken by the recipient to reduce such excess balances.

(d) *Frequency and due date.* Recipients shall submit the report no later than 15 working days following the end of each quarter. However, the USDA payment office may require recipients receiving advances of one million dollars or more per year to submit a report within 15 working days following the end of each month. Awarding agencies may waive the requirement for submission of the SF-272 when monthly advances do not exceed \$10,000 per recipient, provided that such advances are monitored through other forms contained in this subpart, or if, in the awarding agency's opinion, the recipient's accounting controls are adequate to minimize excessive Federal advances.

**§ 3015.84 Request for advance or reimbursement.**

(a) *Advance payments.* Recipients of nonconstruction grants or cooperative agreements shall request Treasury check advance payments on Standard Form 270, Request for Advance or Reimbursement. This form is not used for letter of credit drawdowns or predetermined automatic advance payments.

(b) *Reimbursements.* Recipients of nonconstruction grants or cooperative agreements shall request reimbursement on Standard Form 270, Request for Advance or Reimbursement (for reimbursement request under construction grants or cooperative agreements, see §3015.85).

(c) The frequency for submitting payment requests on SF-270 is treated in §3015.104.

**§ 3015.85 Outlay report and request for reimbursement for construction programs.**

(a) *Construction grants paid by reimbursement method.* (1) Requests for reimbursement under construction grants shall be submitted on Standard Form 271, Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs. Awarding agencies may, however, prescribe the Request for Advance or Reimbursement form specified in §3015.84 instead of this form.

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(2) The frequency for submitting reimbursement requests is treated in § 3015.104.

(b) *Construction grants paid by letter of credit or Treasury check advance.* (1) When a construction grant or a cooperative agreement is paid by letter of credit or Treasury check advances, the recipient shall report its outlays to the awarding agency using Standard Form 271, Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs. The awarding agency will provide any necessary special instructions. However, frequency and due date shall be governed by § 3015.82 (c) and (d).

(2) When a construction grant or cooperative agreement is paid by Treasury check advances based on periodic requests from the recipient, the advances shall be requested on the form specified in § 3015.84.

(3) The awarding agency may substitute the Financial Status Report specified in § 3015.82 for the Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement.

(c) *Accounting basis.* The accounting basis for the Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs shall be governed by § 3015.82(b).

### Subpart K—Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance

#### § 3015.90 Scope.

This subpart establishes procedures for monitoring and reporting program performance of recipients. These procedures place responsibility on recipients to manage the day-to-day operations of their grant and subgrant supported activities.

#### § 3015.91 Monitoring by recipients.

Recipients shall monitor the performance of grant and subgrant-supported activities to assure that performance goals are being achieved. Recipient monitoring shall cover each program, function, or activity.

#### § 3015.92 Performance reports.

(a) *Nonconstruction.* The awarding agency shall, if it decides that performance information available from subsequent applications contains sufficient information to meet its programmatic

needs, require the recipient to submit a performance report only upon expiration or termination of grant support. Unless waived by the awarding agency this report will be due on the same date as the final Financial Status Report (as provided in § 3015.82 (d) and (e)).

(1) Recipients shall submit annual performance reports unless the awarding agency requires quarterly or semi-annual reports or unless covered under paragraph (a) of this section. Annual reports shall be due 90 days after the grant year; quarterly or semi-annual reports shall be due 30 days after the reporting period. The final performance report shall be due 90 days after the expiration or termination of grant support. If a justified request is submitted by a recipient, the awarding agency may extend the due date for any performance report. Additionally, requirements for unnecessary performance reports may be waived by the awarding agency.

(2) Performance reports shall contain, for each grant, brief information on the following:

(i) A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals established for the period. Where the output of the project can be readily expressed in numbers, a computation of the cost per unit of output may be required if that information will be useful.

(ii) The reasons for slippage if established goals were not met.

(iii) Additional pertinent information including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.

(3) Recipients shall not be required to submit more than the original and two copies of performance reports.

(4) Recipients shall adhere to the standards in paragraph (a) of this section in prescribing performance reporting requirements for subrecipients.

(b) *Construction.* For the most part, on-site technical inspections and certified percentage-of-completion data are relied on heavily by awarding agencies to monitor progress under construction grants and subgrants. The awarding agency shall require additional formal performance reports only when considered necessary, and never more frequently than quarterly.