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TO: Faculty & Staff

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RE: Travel Services - Safe Harbor Rule

On September 1, 2014, the implementation of the **Safe Harbor Rule** will take effect within The Texas A&M University System. All System parts will be required to adhere to this new rule.

What is Safe Harbor? If a traveler does not substantiate their travel by submitting a travel voucher within 90 days, the reimbursements will be treated as **taxable** to the employee. Any travel cards with unassigned transactions greater than 90 days from the post date, or assigned transactions not submitted within 90 days of the travel end date will be suspended until those transactions greater than 90 days are submitted and approved.

What should I do now? Submit any outstanding travel reimbursements. Ensure that all travel reimbursement requests are submitted timely. PVAMU Administrative Procedures state: "within fifteen (15) business days after a trip or fifteen (15) days after month end, employees should submit their travel reimbursement requests through Concur with all required documentation.

The Travel Office will coordinate the travel reimbursement process to ensure that travel reimbursements are processed within five (5) working days. However, the expense report must be fully approved and error free prior to processing.

If your department would like to schedule a travel training session, please contact the Travel Office via email at travel@pvamu.edu or 936-261-1736.

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