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This email is to inform you of the decision by FNS to begin preparations to receive ALERT data on a daily basis and no longer as a monthly batch process. This change is consistent with most of the processing that is now done in the electronic funds industry. There are two reasons for making the change now:

- Investigations have revealed traffickers who increase their trafficking activity rapidly and then drop out of the Program within a matter of weeks. Daily transmittals will enable FNS to shut down these traffickers more expeditiously than is now the case.

- The Department will soon expand line capacity which makes accommodating the change technically feasible.

The Benefit Redemption Division has begun discussions with the processors on how to proceed. FNS has scheduled a meeting with the major processors for May 16th and May 17th to work out the details of transitioning to daily submittals. FNS will inform the States of the results and request feedback on any issues prior to implementation.

Please contact Preston Mears of the EBT Branch (703-305-2424) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this change.