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NEWS RELEASE

FASAB STAFF EXPOSES DRAFT TECHNICAL BULLETIN 2009-1, *Deferral of the Effective Date of Technical Bulletin 2006-1*

The Executive Director of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), Wendy Payne, announced today that the FASAB staff has released an exposure draft of Technical Bulletin 2009-1, *Deferral of the Effective Date of Technical Bulletin 2006-1, Recognition and Measurement of Asbestos-Related Cleanup Costs*.

The purpose of this proposed technical bulletin is to defer the effective date of Technical Bulletin 2006-1, *Recognition and Measurement of Asbestos-Related Cleanup Costs*, for two years to provide federal agencies with additional time to resolve implementation issues that have been identified since Technical Bulletin 2006-1 was issued.

The exposure draft requests comments by July 17, 2009. If adopted, the effective date of Technical Bulletin 2006-1 would be changed to periods beginning after September 30, 2011. Copies of the exposure draft are available at the FASAB website at <http://www.fasab.gov/exposure.html>.

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