Deferral of the Effective Date of SFFAS 54, Leases

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Q1. Do you agree with the proposed two-year deferral of the effective date of SFFAS 54, Leases: An Amendment of SFFAS 5, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, and SFFAS 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment? The new effective date would provide for full implementation of SFFAS 54 for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 2022. Please provide supporting details behind reasons for your position.

IRS response: The IRS agrees with deferring the implementation of SFFAS 54 LEASES to periods beginning after September 30, 2022. The deferral of the implementation of this SFFAS 54 will provide adequate time to a) work with stakeholders to develop adequate internal controls (policies and procedures) to capture data in accordance with the new SFFAS, b) identify and develop system enhancements necessary to capture, recognize and record leases in accordance with the new SFFAS requirements (including the addition of new sub accounts and accounting posting models), c) complete analysis of existing transactions to identify potential leases (embedded, evergreen, etc.) and d) develop adjustments needed to align current balances to be in compliance with the new SFFAS.