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Greetings PREA Auditors and PREA Coordinators,

We're writing to inform you that access to the PREA Online Audit System (OAS) will be restored on **Tuesday, May 20th, at 12:00 PM (EST)**. **Due to this reinstatement, auditors must resume using the OAS to conduct all PREA audits and to complete all reporting requirements.** Effective immediately, the temporary process for conducting and reporting audits outside of the system is retired. Please discontinue sending audit materials, including interim/final reports, Post-Audit Reporting Forms (PARFs), and audit initiations, to the PREA Management Office (PMO) at PREACompliance@usdoj.gov. Auditors who send these materials to the PMO following this communication will be redirected to use the OAS.

As we resume system operations, we ask that all audit-related communication and documentation be routed through the PREA Resource Center (PRC). Effective immediately, please:

1. Direct all OAS-related questions and audit support needs to the PRC's OAS Team at TechSupport@preaaudit.org;
2. Direct all auditor-specific questions including questions involving the PREA Standards, audit methodology, and PREA auditor certification to the PRC's Auditor Assistance Team through the Auditor Assistance [form](#). These teams are back online today and are available to answer questions and provide support during this transition.

To support a smooth transition, please review the guidance below for audits conducted while the OAS was inaccessible, based on your audit's current status:

1. **Audits that were initiated/started in the OAS and completed/submitted using the paper instrument (i.e., a paper final report and PARF were submitted to the PMO):**
All audit determinations, narratives, and PARF information must be copied into and completed in the OAS. This includes completing the Auditor Compliance Tool in order to submit a system-generated final report. Due to the additional time commitment this puts on auditors, we are asking for the affected auditors to complete this no later than Monday, June 30, 2025. If you are unable to carry out these steps by this date, please contact the PRC's OAS Team at TechSupport@preaaudit.org.
2. **Audits that were initiated/started in the OAS and are currently in-progress using the paper instrument:**
Auditors should pick up where they left off with their audits in the OAS, copying any information that was gathered or entered in the paper instrument into the OAS directly. These efforts will ensure current in-

progress audits can be submitted accurately and fully in the OAS upon completion. Auditors should work together with impacted facilities to resume work in the OAS.

3. Audits that were initiated via email to the PMO but were never initiated through the OAS Audit Initiation Form:

These audits must be formally initiated via the [OAS Audit Initiation Form](#) and completed in the OAS, in accordance with the Audit Assignment System. Basic audit information will need to be provided, as well as facility/agency personnel information that is needed in order to grant facility/agency access. The OAS Audit Initiation Form will be available when the OAS is restored on Tuesday, May 20th, at 12:00 PM (EST).

4. Audits that were initiated through the OAS Audit Initiation Form but never created in the OAS (i.e., the OAS Team was in the process of receiving supervisor confirmation for all requested users):

The PRC's OAS Team will begin processing these audits again and complete the remaining supervisor confirmation needed to create the audits in the OAS. Auditors and facilities/agencies do not need to resubmit these initiations through the OAS Audit Initiation Form.

For guidance on [initiating an audit](#), accessing the [Audit Initiation Form](#), or understanding the [Audit Assignment System process](#), please visit the PREA Resource Center's [website](#).

We appreciate your patience during this transition period and thank you for your continued commitment to the PREA audit process. If you have questions or need support, please reach out to TechSupport@preaaudit.org.

Thank you,
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