



March 17, 2021

Danielle E. Powers
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Dear Ms. Powers:

This letter is in response to your request dated February 22, 2021, for an exception to the requirement detailed in 45 CFR 75.320(d)(2) to conduct a biennial physical inventory of property. Your request indicates that the University of California would not be able to conduct the scheduled Fiscal Year 2021 physical inventory due to site access issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, you noted that the University staff are operating remotely and will continue to do so until June 30, 2021, for safety reasons.

We fully acknowledge the concerns detailed in your letter and hereby approve your request to delay the physical inventory of property for one fiscal year. The University of California should plan to resume the biennial physical inventory process in Fiscal Year 2022.

Please contact GrantPolicyREQ@hhs.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Bettencourt
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants
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