



November 4, 2020

Ms. Peggy Arrivas, Associate Vice-President
University of California
Office of the President
1111 Franklin St., 6th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Ms. Arrivas:

This letter is in response to your request, dated October 12, 2020, for an exception to the requirement detailed in 45 CFR 75.320(d)(2) to conduct a biennial physical inventory of property. Your request stated that the University of California would not be able to conduct the scheduled Fiscal Year 2020 physical inventory due to site access issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, you noted that the University of California and its ten campuses are not allowing employees on campus to conduct inventory.

We fully acknowledge the concerns you detailed in your letter and hereby approve your request to delay the physical inventory of property for one fiscal year. University of California should plan to resume the biennial physical inventory process in Fiscal Year 2021.

Please contact Nidea Castell at (202) 260-6453 or Nidea.Castell@hhs.gov with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Alice Bettencourt
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