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ADVISORY: ET HANDBOOK NO. 401, 4TH EDITION, CHANGE 1

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: CHERYL ATKINSON /s/

Administrator

Office of Workforce Security

SUBJECT: Employment and Training Administration (ETA) 9050, First Payment

Time Lapse

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To transmit updated instructions for the ETA 9050 First Payment Time Lapse report (section V, chapter 1 of ET Handbook No. 401, 4th Edition) to ensure that time lapse for unemployment insurance (UI) payments made by direct deposit or credited to a debit card is calculated properly.
- 2. <u>References.</u> Employment and Training Handbook 401, 4th Edition, April 2007.
- 3. <u>Background</u>. Many states have adopted electronic methods for making UI payments recently. In response to inquiries and to ensure that first payment time lapse calculations are made properly, we are revising instructions for determining the date of payment for first payment time lapse purposes to include direct deposit and debit card payments. This change appears in section V, chapter 1, page V-1-7. The revised wording is as follows:

<u>First Payment Time Lapse</u>. A measurement of the number of days from the week ending date of the first compensable week in the benefit year to the date the payment is (a) made in person, or (b) mailed, or (c) released to the financial institution/entity responsible for depositing the benefit payment into the UI beneficiary's account as a direct deposit or for access through a debit card, or (d) used as an offset, or (e) intercepted.

- 4. <u>Handbook Maintenance</u>. Replace existing section V, chapter 1 (ETA 9050 First Payment Time Lapse report), dated 04/2007, with the attached revised section V, chapter 1, dated 06/2007.
- 5. Inquiries. Questions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.

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6. Attachment. Revised ET Handbook No. 401, 4th Edition, ETA 9050 First Payment Time

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