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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Office of Accounts and Control

TO: CHIEF PAYROLL OFFICERS **DATE:** August 18, 2010
FROM: LOUISE M. ANDERSON
ASSOCIATE CONTROLLER - OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: **CPO 11-03 DISCONTINUATION OF PAPER SAVINGS BONDS
NEW TREASURYDIRECT SAVINGS PROGRAM**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has announced it will stop issuing paper savings bonds through employer-sponsored payroll savings plans as of January 1, 2011. However, employees will have the opportunity to invest in savings bonds and other Treasury securities through **TreasuryDirect**.

TreasuryDirect is a web-based system which allows employees to purchase, manage and redeem electronic (paperless) savings bonds, as well as the purchase Treasury marketable securities (bills, notes, bonds and TIPS). For more information on the TreasuryDirect program, please visit:
<http://www.treasurydirect.gov/>.

October, 2010 will be the last month for which bonds are issued. The last pay date in which deductions for paper bonds will be taken is October 15, 2010. Any monies remaining after the October, 2010 bonds are issued will be returned via the payroll system during the month of November, 2010.

For employees who would like to sign up for the TreasuryDirect Program, they will need to open a TreasuryDirect account using the link above. New forms for payroll deductions for the TreasuryDirect Program will be posted on the Controller's Website in October. Deductions for this program cannot begin until after January 1, 2011.