

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**The following questions are for stakeholders who have questions concerning the mandate that all federal agencies will discontinue accepting payment of debt by paper check. (Executive Order 14247).**

Question: Who is affected by this Executive Order?

- Answer: Everyone obligated to pay assessment bills, penalties (33 U.S.C. §§ 914g, 930e), §944c 1 compensation orders, and refunds for improper payments.

Question: What does the Executive Order - Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account entail?

- Answer: This initiative requires that, to the extent permitted by law, all payments made to the Federal Government must be processed electronically.

Question: When does the Executive Order become effective?

- Answer: All federal agencies must comply by **September 30, 2025**.

Question: Why is the government implementing this initiative?

- Answer: Collection of payment electronically promotes operational efficiency and reliability. Conversely, payment by paper check increases delay in payments; and results in potential fraud, lost payments, theft, and inefficiencies. Thus, the initiative aims to promote the security of financial transactions.

Question: How can we issue payments to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)?

- Answer: Acceptable payment methods include:
  - Pay.gov Form Service
  - ACH Credit
  - Fedwire

Question: Are there other payment methods available besides Pay.gov, ACH Credit, or Fedwire?

- Answer: Currently, no other methods are available. OWCP is collaborating with intra-agency partners to explore additional electronic collection options.

Question: Can we currently pay our assessment by paper check?

- Answer: Pursuant to Executive Order 14247, OWCP has been directed to collect payments issued to the federal government only electronically.

Question: Who can we contact for additional guidance?

- Answer: Please contact Claims Examiner (CE) Kenneth Ossman for assistance. You may reach him at (202) 354-9681. You may also use email - [Ossman.Kenneth@dol.gov](mailto:Ossman.Kenneth@dol.gov); [Longshore\\_Assessment\\_Questions@dol.gov](mailto:Longshore_Assessment_Questions@dol.gov).