# **QuickAlerts Messages January 2014**

### QuickAlerts – January 6, 2014

Subject: Business (BMF) MeF Production Shutdown/Cut-Over Schedule

On Thursday, December 26, 2013, the shutdown was completed and BMF Federal and State returns are no longer accepted in MeF for the 2013 Filing Season. ATS will remain open throughout this production shutdown/cut over period.

BMF Production Start Up (except for 1041) is scheduled on Monday, January 13, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Eastern.

1041 Production Start Up (MeF and Legacy Systems) is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Eastern.

# QuickAlerts - January 14, 2014

**Subject:** Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

The Electronic Management System located in Memphis, Tennessee will be unavailable on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you.

#### QuickAlerts - January 16, 2014

**Subject:** Extended Maintenance Window for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production System

The MeF Sunday maintenance build is being extended. The system will be unavailable starting at 1:00 a.m., Eastern on Sunday, January 19, 2014 until 11:00 a.m., Eastern.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this extended downtime. Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the Production System during this period.

#### QuickAlerts - January 19, 2014

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Build Window Extended

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Sunday maintenance build has been extended until 2:00 p.m. Eastern. We are working diligently to complete the work necessary to bring the Production system online.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production system to transmit or pick up tax returns, get acknowledgements, or submit any other service requests.

The Assurance Testing System is operational.

Monitor the MeF Status Page for any updates. We will issue a QuickAlerts when the system is available. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

### QuickAlerts - January 19, 2014

Subject: MeF Sunday Build Window Activities are Completed - BMF Processing Operational

The IRS has successfully resolved the issues that extended the Sunday Maintenance Build Window.

You can resume transmitting production submissions, transmitting other service requests, and getting acknowledgements.

We thank you for your patience and apologize for the inconvenience caused by the delays.

# QuickAlerts - January 24, 2014

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Unscheduled Downtime

The EMS system is experiencing a technical issue that requires the IRS to bring down the system for a period of time. Please refrain from accessing the system.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when EMS is operational.

### QuickAlerts – January 24, 2014

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Available

The EMS system is available for transmissions. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.

## QuickAlerts - January 27, 2014

**Subject:** Reminder to change URLs for the upcoming filing season

The 2014 filing season startup began January 13 for Business Returns and is January 31 for Individual Returns.

Please make a note of the following URLs to access production and Assurance Testing Systems (ATS)

- Production Business and Individual https://la.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef/
- ATS Business and Individual https://la.alt.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef/

Please note that use of LA1 or LA2 URLs is discouraged and all requests should go through the above noted URLs. If you have any questions please send an email to <a href="MEFMailbox">MEFMailbox</a>

#### QuickAlerts - January 29, 2014

Subject: Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Maintenance Build

Modernized e-File (MeF) Production environment will be down this evening from 8:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., Eastern on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Please refrain from sending any service requests during this time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.