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Office of the Director

**SUBJECT: AFIP to Terminate Non-Federal Civilian Consultations on September 30, 2010**

As you may be aware, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) will disestablish and close permanently by September 15, 2011 as a result of the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law.

In order to begin a phased reduction in the AFIP mission and implement the 2005 BRAC law over the next year, **after September 30, 2010, approximately 90 days from now, the AFIP will no longer accept non-federal civilian consultation cases.** If you send a **non-federal consultation** case to the AFIP after September 30, 2010, the AFIP will not accept service and the case will be returned to you by the carrier that delivered it to the AFIP. After the AFIP terminates its **non-federal civilian** consultation program, the Department of Defense (DoD) will no longer provide second opinion pathology consultation services to non-federal civilian contributors. The AFIP is providing you this 90-day courtesy notice in order that you may have sufficient time to identify a civilian provider for your pathology consultation needs. Please note that after September 30, 2010, and until the AFIP ceases all its pathology consultation services as part of its disestablishment process, the AFIP will only provide second opinion pathology consultations to the DoD and other Federal Agencies.

The AFIP has been providing dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces and civilian medical community worldwide for nearly 150 years. It has been our greatest honor and pleasure to work with you over these many years. We are grateful to all our civilian contributors who have been a part of making the AFIP the "gold standard" in second opinion expert pathology consultations. While it is indeed very sad to say farewell to our civilian non-federal contributors as we prepare to implement the BRAC law, the entire AFIP staff joins me in wishing you all the best in your future professional endeavors.

If you have any questions, please contact the AFIP Business Office at 202-782-1841.

Sincerely,

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The Director