



Delta Regional Authority Lapse Plan for FY 2026

As required by section 124 of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-11, this document (DRA Lapse Plan) outlines the Delta Regional Authority's (DRA) plan for operating in the event of a lapse in appropriations. The purpose of the DRA Lapse Plan is to ensure that DRA, as an executive agency of the U.S. Government, can conduct an orderly suspension of programs and operations should a lapse occur, while continuing those limited activities authorized to continue under those circumstances.

Appropriations to the DRA have been made on a “no-year” basis, and specifically, “remain available until expended.” This allows the DRA to incur obligations against such budget authority indefinitely so long as the amounts remain, as outlined in OMB Circular A-11, Section 20. All funds for the administration of the Office of the Federal Co-Chairman, as well as the Federal share of the administrative expenses and programmatic activities of the DRA are derived from a “lump sum” no-year appropriation. Additionally, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) provided further no-year funding beyond the annual appropriations, supporting near-term operations.

The DRA's administrative expenses are resourced by both the federal government and contribution of its member states. The state contributions also constitute budget authority available to the DRA on a “no-year” basis.

Regardless of the status of its full-year 2026 appropriation acts, the DRA may continue to incur obligations, provided that these obligations are covered by the remaining balances of prior “no year” appropriations.

Therefore, through its prior-year balances, the DRA could sustain the administrative activities of both the Office of the Federal Co-Chairman and the Authority for an extended period. Should a lapse in appropriations extend for a prolonged period, DRA will begin taking measures to gradually reduce activities, such as curtailing travel, delaying or reducing non-essential administrative contracts, and furloughing staff.

Additionally, DRA will use no-year funding that exceeds its annual administrative expenses to fund its congressionally mandated infrastructure-investment fund: States' Economic Development Assistance Program.

In the event of a prolonged shutdown and the exhaustion of remaining balances, a complete shutdown of DRA operations will likely become necessary. In that instance, the agency will furlough all employees except the Federal Co-Chair to finalize the complete shutdown activities and to protect government property.

Please note that the Federal Co-Chair will be the only DRA employee to continue to report for work during the entire shutdown period described above, as this position is classified as PAS, and is therefore excepted, as authorized by law.

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Lapse Plan Summary Overview	
Estimated time (to nearest half day) required to complete shutdown activities: After prior year funds are exhausted.	.5 days
Total number of agency employees expected to be on board before implementation of the plan	27 FTEs 2 PTEs
Total number of agency employees expected to be furloughed under the plan*	26 FTEs 2 PTEs
Total number of employees to be retained under the plan for each of the following categories:	
Compensation is financed by a resource other than annual appropriations:	27 FTE 2 PTEs
Necessary to perform activities expressly authorized by law:	1 FTE
Necessary to perform activities necessarily implied by law:	0 FTE
Necessary to the discharge of the President's constitutional duties and powers:	0 FTE
Necessary to protect life and property:	0 FTE
Brief summary of significant agency activities that will continue during a lapse:	
No significant activities will cease as long as prior year funding is available to cover those activities, at which time those prior year funds are exhausted all activities within the agency will cease.	
Brief Summary of significant agency activities that will cease during a lapse:	
Economic development activities such as issuing grants or reimbursing state and local agencies for expenditures on approved federal financial assistance awards.	

* Displaying the number of employees expected to be furloughed under the plan in the event of a prolonged lapse in appropriations and the exhaustion of remaining balances.