

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

**December 26, 2018**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**Dorsey**, Chief Special Master:

As of December 22, 2018, the appropriations act funding the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) expired and appropriations for DOJ lapsed. Absent an appropriation, DOJ employees are prohibited from working, except in very limited circumstances. Accordingly, all deadlines for Respondent in cases pending before the Office of Special Masters, absent a subsequent Order of the assigned Special Master, are hereby STAYED until DOJ appropriations are restored. This General Order does not apply to deadlines applicable to petitioners. Further, this General Order does not apply to deadlines to file a motion for review, motion for reconsideration, motion for redaction, or notice of appeal.

This General Order shall be circulated within the court, transmitted to representatives of the Vaccine Injured Petitioners (“VIP”) Bar Association and the DOJ, and posted on the court’s website.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Nora Beth Dorsey**  
Nora Beth Dorsey  
Chief Special Master