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MSPB'S NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED AND MSPB ALLOWS LENIENCY IN MEETING FILING DEADLINES

The Merit Systems Protection Board's (MSPB) New York Field Office (NYFO) remains closed for business as it has since Monday, October 29, 2012, and we do not yet know when it will reopen. Electronic filings through [e-Appeal Online](#) are being received, but mail is being held for delivery until the office is reopened. Any submissions via e-Appeal Online are being acknowledged automatically by that system; however, filings made by other methods will not be received until the office reopens. If you wish to file anything with NYFO, please consider registering as an e-filer and using e-Appeal Online. Filings cannot be made by e-mail. No other offices are currently affected.

A policy of leniency with respect to filings will be in effect during the closure of the New York Field Office and while agencies and appellants that were affected by last week's storm are delayed in their ability to prosecute and defend appeals in front of any of the Regional or Field Offices in the area hit by the storm. Parties cannot expect to be contacted by NYFO personnel until the office reopens. All other MSPB offices remained open, with the exception of the Philadelphia and Washington, DC Regional Offices and all headquarters offices, which were closed on Monday and Tuesday, October 29 and 30, 2012.

To be considered for leniency, late-filed submissions must include a statement that the delay was due to inclement weather, closure of a Federal office, or lack of access to MSPB's e-Appeal Online webpage. The Regional and Field Office judges will exercise discretion in accepting filings delayed due to the effects of the storm, but filings should, in all cases, be made as quickly as possible when conditions permit.

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