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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** IT Standards Waiver Second Extension Request: Chrome Browser for Drupal WebCMS Users

**FROM:** Harrell Watkins, Chief Operating Officer and Director  
Office of Technology Operations and Planning *for Harrell Watkins*

**TO:** Carol Rushin  
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

The Office of Technology Operations and Planning (OTOP) has reviewed your Information Technology (IT) Standards second waiver request to use Chrome as the Internet browser for Drupal-based Web content management system (Drupal WebCMS).

This memorandum grants your request to use the Chrome Internet browser for one year under the following conditions:

- This authorization only applies to Drupal content developers who create and edit content.
- WebCMS content developers understand that the current EPA IT Architecture Standards Profile does not currently include provisions for the Chrome browser. As a result, this authorization allows OIAA to operate a browser that is not covered under EPA's existing standard.
- No third-party extension installation is permitted in the Chrome browser. Browser extensions must be approved via the standard IT Waiver process prior to installation.
- The Computer Security Incident Response Center (CSIRC) will be notified that Chrome is being used so that any Chrome specific vulnerabilities/exploits can be communicated accordingly.
- Chrome users must:
  - Enable auto-update to keep the browser updated and patched;
  - Enable phishing and malware protection;
  - Restrict cookies by from being stored on their browser by blocking third party cookies and site data;

- Block Plug-ins and Pop-ups;
- Not allow sites track physical location; and
- Configure the setting to delete the cookies on closing the browser.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me or have your staff contact Joseph Salama, Chief, Information Technology Policy and Training Branch, 202-566-1756.