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January 25, 2019

Secretary Whitley Issues Advisory On Voter Registration List Maintenance Activity

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identified to not be citizens of the United States. This voter registration list maintenance activity is being conducted in accordance with federal and state law to ensure that only qualified voters - who must first and foremost be U.S. citizens - are registered to vote in Texas elections.

Through this evaluation, the Texas Secretary of State's office discovered that a total of approximately 95,000 individuals identified by DPS as non-U.S. citizens have a matching voter registration record in Texas, approximately 58,000 of whom have voted in one or more Texas elections. Voting in an election in which the person knows he or she is not eligible to vote is a second-degree felony in the State of Texas. Upon receipt of this information, the Texas Secretary of State's office immediately provided the data in its possession to the Texas Attorney General's office, as the Secretary of State has no statutory enforcement authority to investigate or prosecute alleged illegal activity in connection with an election.

Secretary Whitley issued the following statement:

"Integrity and efficiency of elections in Texas require accuracy of our state's voter rolls, and my office is committed to using all available tools under the law to maintain an accurate list of registered voters. Our agency has provided extensive training opportunities to county voter registrars so that they can properly perform list maintenance activities in accordance with federal and state law, which affords every registered voter the chance to submit proof of eligibility. I would like to thank the Department of Public Safety for providing us with this valuable information so that we can continue to guarantee the right to vote for all eligible Texas voters, who should not have their voices muted by those who abuse the system."

Going forward, the Texas Secretary of State's office will use information it obtains from DPS on a monthly basis to cross-reference with Texas' statewide voter registration database and match potential non-U.S. citizens who have registered to vote. Once a voter registration is identified as a match, the Texas Secretary of State's office will notify the county in which the person is registered so that the county voter registrar can take action.

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- Last Name, First Name, and Full Social Security Number;
- Last Name, First Name, and DPS-issued Driver License, Personal Identification Card, or Election Identification Certificate Number; or
- Last Name, First Name, Last Four Digits of Social Security Number, and Date of Birth

If a registered voter is identified as a non-U.S. citizen, he or she should receive a Notice of Examination (PDF) from the county voter registrar indicating that his or her registration status is being examined on the grounds that he or she is not a U.S. citizen. The registered voter will then be required to provide proof of citizenship in order to stay registered, which may be done by submitting to the voter registrar a copy of one of the following documents:

- A certified copy of the voter's birth certificate
- United States passport; or
From: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>  
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 10:39 AM  
To: Vasan, Gayatri  
Subject: FW: UPDATED DRAFT FOR REVIEW: Secretary Whitley Issues Advisory On Non-Citizen Voter Registration

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Office of the Texas Secretary of State  
(800) 252-2216, option 1

From: Sam Taylor  
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:12 AM  
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>; Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Adam Bitter <ABitter@sos.texas.gov>; Christina Adkins <CADkins@sos.texas.gov>  
Subject: Fwd: UPDATED DRAFT FOR REVIEW: Secretary Whitley Issues Advisory On Non-Citizen Voter Registration

DPS signed off—

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From: Cesinger, Katherine <katherine.cesinger@dps.texas.gov>  
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To: Sam Taylor  
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All good here, Sam!

From: Sam Taylor [mailto:STaylor@sos.texas.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 6:47 PM  
To: Cesinger, Katherine  
Subject: RE: UPDATED DRAFT FOR REVIEW: Secretary Whitley Issues Advisory On Non-Citizen Voter Registration
Yes m'am absolutely, SoS does not want to send anything until DPS is 100% on board. Thank you!

-Sam

From: Cesinger, Katherine [mailto:Katherine.Cesinger@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 6:46 PM
To: Sam Taylor <STaylor@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: UPDATED DRAFT FOR REVIEW: Secretary Whitley Issues Advisory On Non-Citizen Voter Registration

Thanks Sam. Our folks are reviewing this updated version tonight, and we'll follow up ASAP tonight or first thing in the morning. In the morning will you please give me a shout before y'all launch this if you haven't already heard back from me? Want to make sure our folks have a chance to provide feedback to y'all if they have any.

Thank you!
Kat
512-934-2446 m

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2019, at 4:58 PM, Sam Taylor <STaylor@sos.texas.gov> wrote:

Hi Kat,

Below is an updated draft, which includes a draft of the advisory to county registrars going out tomorrow morning (linked in first sentence). Give me a call if any issues, thanks!

-Sam
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January 25, 2019

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- A certified copy of the voter's birth certificate
- United States passport; or
- Certificate of naturalization (Citizenship certificate)

If the person responds indicating he or she is not a U.S. citizen, or fails to respond to the Notice within 30 days, then the voter registration will be cancelled by the county voter registrar. County voter registrars have been provided with numerous training opportunities to ensure that list maintenance activities are conducted in accordance with state and federal law so as to not affect eligible voters.
Texas voters who wish to check their registration status can visit the Texas Secretary of State's "Am I Registered?" tool online or contact the voter registrar in their county of registration.

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Gayatri-

Good evening! I wanted to touch base with you on timing:
1. Would we be able to receive the first file (superset) on January 10th or 11th?
2. When will you be looking to provide the monthly file for testing? I know we said January, but do you have a target timeframe on that?

We are trying to schedule resources, and I want to make sure they get scheduled appropriately. If you could please let me know, when you have a moment, I would greatly appreciate it.

Betsy Schonhoff
Voter Registration Manager
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From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: SOS ready to receive test files

Thank you Betsy.

Thank you,
Gayatri Vasan
Division Support Manager
512 424 2485 | gayatri.vasan@dps.texas.gov

From: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 8:48 AM
To: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Sachin.shetty@pcc tg.com; Lillian Eder <LEd er@sos.texas.gov>
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From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Here is the latest copy from our end:

Gayatri Vasan
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Office (512) 424-2485
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From: Betsy Schonhoff [mailto:BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 1:26 PM
To: Vasan, Gayatri
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Gayatri-
Sorry about the phone earlier. That is weird. Attached is the document that I have amended to capture what we are going to actually be getting (including business rules).

Please let me know if you have something different. Thank you.

Betsy Schonhoff
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From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

I will call you in the next 2 mins on 512 463 5653.

Gayatri Vasan
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From: Betsy Schonhoff [mailto:BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 1:07 PM
To: Vasan, Gayatri
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Yes. I am free all afternoon. Just let me know what time or feel free to give me a call.

As an FYI, I will be out tomorrow and Friday this week.

Betsy Schonhoff
Direct: (512) 463-5653

From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 1:03 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Good Afternoon Betsy,

Will you be free for a quick 5 minute call with me this afternoon? I just want to run past you a scenario for the non-citizen file.

Thank you
Oh, and is there a way to reduce the duplicates in the file? There were a lot of versions of the same records we had to sort through.

Tom

Will let you know when the files are placed on the server.

Gayatri Vasan
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The questions are: can we explain the process of both things that we send to the SOS and can we send the limited term information to them sooner than October.

I don't know if DL or IT are the ones sending this, so I am copying everyone.

Thanks,
Amanda

Amanda Arriaga
Director
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Amanda.arriaga@dps.texas.gov
From: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:00 AM
To: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Sending info to SOS

I was under the impression from Sheri that we send two voter ID batch files. One with the updates as you mention below, and also a second with all the customer information. Would you mind confirming this for me?

Tony Rodriguez
Assistant Division Director - Driver License Division
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From: Vasan, Gayatri
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Sending info to SOS
Importance: High

Good Morning,
Based on my discussion with Gayatri, the report wouldn't contain all the information SOS wants to help them compare to other databases (SAVE) to figure out who on the list have become US citizens since the last report.

I have been talking with Keith about this process and we were talking about possibly trying to verify the list you provided against the SAVE database before we send these to the counties to eliminate those who have become Citizens since their last update with you. In order to do that, however, we would need a numeric identifier (Alien Number; Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, number; Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) ID number; or unexpired foreign passport number).

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Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Sending info to SOS

What would happen if we ran the original report they wanted without changes? How soon could they get that?

I don’t know if Sept 17 will work, so I am just trying to figure out other options.

From: Vasan, Gayatri
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Sending info to SOS

It is not a matter of complication at all, it is more a matter of prioritizing this in our list of projects. SOS wants changes to be made to the file we sent them and that requires development and testing time at our end.

I just spoke to Tony, Rebekah and John Crawford. We can send them the file the week of September 17th as IT is currently busy with OTC deployment.

Please let me know if this is okay.

Thank you,

Gayatri Vasan
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From: Arriaga, Amanda
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:01 AM
To: Vasan, Gayatri
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony; Hibbs, Rebekah
Subject: RE: Sending info to SOS

Thank you for this info.

The Governor is interested in getting this information as soon as possible. Presuming we were able to change the priorities, please let me know how soon that could be.

And if it is complicated, can you help explain why the request is so complicated?

Thanks,
Amanda

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Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Can you spell out for me what they wanted before and what they want now and why it takes time to do it?

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Tony Rodriguez
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From: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 12:51 PM
To: Lane, Bryan <Bryan.Lane@dps.texas.gov>; Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Sending info to SOS

FYI

From: Hearn, Skylor
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Sending info to SOS

Please send them an updated version of the original today. Stand by on any change orders for our system until we can verify their true need.

From: Arriaga, Amanda
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:54 AM
To: Hearn, Skylor <Skylor.Hearn@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Sending info to SOS

Ok, here is what we know now.

In the old report, per their request we were sending them all records that had citizenship status = No and age >=18.

In the new report, they want the above information and details of their current immigration status identifier like: Alien Number; Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, number; Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) ID number; or unexpired foreign passport number. These are fields that are returned to us as part of our verification of lawful presence call to DHS. In order to send this, we have to write code to retrieve this information from the person’s record and QA will have to verify the accuracy by testing a sample set.
Yes, we ran in May and delivered 4,420,314 records. Who is the contact to person to deliver the data? Changes are for next year and meeting is scheduled in October to discuss changes.

Vani

From: Crawford, John
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:37 AM
To: Madipadga, Vani
Cc: Peschka, Jeff; Tartak, Lee
Subject: RE: Limited Term Info for Secretary of State

Yes, that's it; they want a new one. They've requested changes, but not for this run, so we would run what we have.

Thanks,
John C

From: Madipadga, Vani
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:32 AM
To: Crawford, John
Cc: Peschka, Jeff; Tartak, Lee
Subject: RE: Limited Term Info for Secretary of State

Is it SOS Non Citizen file? We provided the data to them on 05/16/18. If it is the same data, it can be executed but Query might take more than hour to run on Reporting DB.

Vani

From: Crawford, John
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 11:25 AM
To: Madipadga, Vani
Cc: Peschka, Jeff; Tartak, Lee
Subject: Limited Term Info for Secretary of State

Vani,
Are you familiar with this process? We delivered this information earlier in the year, and we have an urgent request from the Governor's Office to do it again. Is this a canned process that can be executed easily? Can we do it today? We don't have a ticket yet, but I'll request one. Let me know what additional information you need.

Thanks,
John C
From: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: UPDATE: Sending info to SOS

Another question.

If sos gave us the 90k names, how could we (maybe ICT if not DL) run them thru SAVE and appx how long would it take?

I don’t know that we can run only name through SAVE. Don’t we also need a document?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2018, at 8:22 AM, Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov> wrote:

We sent them a total of 4,462,123 records on Tuesday.
In May, we had sent them a total of 4,420,314 records.

Of these, we might have a few duplicate records for those that still have a DL and an ID but that number is fairly low.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thank you,
Gayatri Vasan
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512 424 2485 | gayatri.vasan@dps.texas.gov

From: Arriaga, Amanda
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 8:12 AM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah; Vasan, Gayatri
From: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 2:15 PM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Question from Dallas Morning News

Please see the question below. I’m sorry there have been so many. Let me know what it would take to do this.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>
Date: August 31, 2018 at 2:11:37 PM CDT
To: "Arriaga, Amanda" <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Lindsey Aston <L.Aston@sos.texas.gov>, Sam Taylor <STaylor@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Question from Dallas Morning News

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Amanda,

It was good to speak with you yesterday afternoon. Thank you for the updated superset from earlier this week. Betsy in my office has been in communication with your office earlier this year regarding a revised data request. DPS has been extremely responsive and you guys have given us everything that it has been technically possible to provide thus far.
After we received the superset earlier this year, we did some preliminary matching and working with the data. We determined that we needed the set of only current DL and ID holders who are non-citizens based on issue date and that we needed the SAVE number information from those folks. We were told that this would require a code change and that we wouldn’t be able to get the revised data fields until October.

As we are within the 90 day moratorium under the NVRA, we have some time.

We are asking for two things. Number one is the list of current ID and DL holders who are not citizens along with their SAVE information. This is the request that Betsy made before. Secondly we need a weekly update of these folks on an ongoing basis. For the sake of clarification, please find attached a track changed draft version of the Business Rules that were used for the March data run. This document includes comments and should hopefully help clarify our request and provide a basis for future discussion.

Let me know if you have any questions. We would like to be ready to go with this as soon as possible following the November 6 election.

Keith

From: Arriaga, Amanda [mailto:Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Keith Ingram <Kingham@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Question from Dallas Morning News

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Keith,

We got this weird question from a reporter at the Dallas Morning News. Since I don’t know that y’all really said this, I can’t respond to it.

Can you please review the comments below?

Thanks,

Amanda

Amanda Arriaga
Director
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From: "Barragan, James" <jbarragan@dallasnews.com>
Date: August 30, 2018 at 2:21:15 PM CDT
To: "Vinger, Tom" <Tom.Vinger@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Can someone discuss this with me?

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Yeah, I've talked to the SOS office already. But there's some weird arguments there about how DPS verifies citizenship for the SOS and how DPS transfers that data to SOS for verification. And claims that DPS-issued ID's are helping people here illegally register to vote or become citizens. Would like a response from DPS on those questions, if possible.

Thanks for looking into it.

-James

On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 2:19 PM, Vinger, Tom <Tom.Vinger@dps.texas.gov> wrote:

I will have to look into. I may not have an answer today. My thought is this is a sos question maybe?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2018, at 2:02 PM, Barragan, James <jbarragan@dallasnews.com> wrote:

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Hey Tom,

Sorry to be writing you so much this week (and I'll see you tomorrow at the pub safety commission). My editor is asking me to look into this and I have no real idea where this guy is getting his numbers or what analysis he's referring to when it comes to the claims he's making about DPS.

https://mailchi.mp/386e637a36fe/sz4ismtjff-1437245?e=a1fb87ee38
Can someone at DPS illuminate me? Even if it's on background and you want to send me a statement afterward, but I'd really like to understand what these folks are alleging.

Let me know.

Thanks,

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James Barragán

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Can we also find out about the weekly update too? Thanks!

Respectfully,

Rebekah Hibbs | Senior Manager | Division Support
Driver License Division | Texas Department of Public Safety
rebekah.hibbs@dps.texas.gov | 512-424-5001

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From: Crawford, John
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>; Peschka, Jeff <Jeff.Peschka@dps.texas.gov>; Biwer-Valdez, Trisha <Trisha.Biwer-Valdez@dps.texas.gov>; Cuffy, Tessa <Tessa.Cuffy@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Madipadga, Vani <Vanisree.Madipadga@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non-Citizen file

This is only the query.

Regards,
John Crawford
Applications Manager, Licensing Services
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From: Hibbs, Rebekah
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Vasan, Gayatri; Crawford, John; Peschka, Jeff; Biwer-Valdez, Trisha; Cuffy, Tessa
Cc: Madipadga, Vani
Subject: RE: Non-Citizen file

John,
Just to clarify, does this include doing the weekly update file too?

Respectfully,

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From: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Betsy Schonhoff
(800) 252-2216, option 1

From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Betsy, can I give you a call now?

Thank you,
Gayatri Vasan
Division Support Manager
Driver License Division | Texas Department of Public Safety
From: Betsy Schonhoff [mailto:BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:03 AM  
To: Vasan, Gayatri  
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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My pleasure. Have a wonderful day!

Betsy Schonhoff  
(800) 252-2216, option 1

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From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 8:59 AM  
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>  
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Yes he did. Thank you Betsy.

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**Gayatri Vasan**  
Business Analyst  
Office (512) 424-2485  
gayatri.vasan@dps.texas.gov

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From: Betsy Schonhoff [mailto:BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 8:59 AM  
To: Vasan, Gayatri  
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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I believe that Tom already answered you on this, but we did successfully retrieve the files. Thanks.

Betsy Schonhoff  
(800) 252-2216, option 1

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From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:28 AM
Good Morning Betsy,

Please let me know when you have the files transferred to your side so we can delete them from the server.

Also, IT has confirmed that they have time in October to look at the modifications requested to the non-citizen file. The file itself may not be ready in October.

Thank you,

Gayatri Vasan
Business Analyst
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From: Betsy Schonhoff [mailto:BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Vasan, Gayatri
Cc: Thomas Gipson; Sachin.shetty@pcctg.com; Hibbs, Rebekah
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Gayatri-

We will go ahead and grab the files now to see/gauge what we are looking at/working with and to start internal evaluation with the data we currently have. But, we do think it would be a good idea to include that information for further review/processing. So, can we also get a file with that information in October, then?

Betsy Schonhoff
(800) 252-2216, option 1

From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: Thomas Gipson <TGipson@sos.texas.gov>; Sachin.shetty@pcctg.com; Hibbs, Rebekah
<Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Betsy, our IT team says they can work on these modifications only in October. Would you want to wait till then for the file? Meanwhile, the files without these modifications have been placed in the SFTP server already for SOS.

Please let me know,
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Understood. Thank you!

Betsy Schonhoff
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Gayatri-

I have been talking with Keith about this process and we were talking about possibly trying to verify the list you provided against the SAVE database before we send these to the counties to eliminate those who have become Citizens since their last update with you. In order to do that, however, we would need a numeric identifier (Alien Number; Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, number; Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) ID number; or unexpired foreign passport number).

Does your system have that type of information, and if so, is it possible for it to be included in the export file provided?

Betsy Schonhoff
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From: Betsy Schonhoff
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 10:20 AM
To: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Thomas Gipson <TGipson@sos.texas.gov>; Sachin.shetty@pcctg.com; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Gayatri-

I know that we discussed this earlier, but we would prefer that each ID is given its own row in the file.

Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you.

Betsy Schonhoff
(800) 252-2216, option 1

From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: Thomas Gipson <TGipson@sos.texas.gov>; Sachin.shetty@pcctg.com; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Another Question for you all,

If a person has a DL and an ID associated with his record, Can we send it to you in one row with the record details, DL Number and ID number? OR would you like it on two different rows – one with the DL and one with the ID?

Thank you,

Gayatri Vasan
Business Analyst
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From: Betsy Schonhoff [mailto:BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Thomas Gipson <TGipson@sos.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Sachin.shetty@pcctg.com
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Thank you Rebekah! I am trying again, as our IT department modified the rules on our e-mail account. So, hopefully this goes through. This captures what we discussed. Thank you very much for your help!

Betsy Schonhoff

From: Hibbs, Rebekah [mailto:Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: Thomas Gipson <TGipson@sos.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

Betsy,
As discussed in our call this afternoon, your changes are attached.

Gayatri,
With these changes, the use case is approved and ready to send to IT to start development.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Respectfully,

Rebekah Hibbs I Senior Manager I Technology and Innovation
Driver License Division I Texas Department of Public Safety
rebekah.hibbs@dps.texas.gov I 512-424-5001

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From: Hibbs, Rebekah
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 5:14 PM
To: 'Betsy Schonhoff' <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: 'Thomas Gipson' <TGipson@sos.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information
Sure. Send me your WebEx details and we will call in.

--- Original Appointment ---
From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Biwer-Valdez, Trisha; Cuffy, Tessa; Hibbs, Rebekah; Peschka, Jeff; Crawford, John; Madipadga, Vani; Betsy Schonhoff
Subject: SOS - DPS meeting - Non-citizen file discussion
When: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).
Where: TBD

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This is a call with SOS to discuss the existing Business rules for the Non-Citizen file and to discuss the new requirements.

Betsy, please forward the invite as appropriate. I will send out call details on Tuesday.

Thank you
Gayatri
From: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 3, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: UPDATE: Sending info to SOS

I think that we are going to end up being ok with just sending updated info to the SOS weekly in the format that they originally asked for.

Tomorrow, please get the query together for that, so it can be ready to be picked up on Wednesday and let me know when it’s ready.

Feel free to also reach out to Kathleen, in the event this question continues to come up.

Thanks,
Amanda

From: Hibbs, Rebekah
Sent: Sunday, September 2, 2018 9:31 AM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: UPDATE: Sending info to SOS

Amanda,
When Gayatri and I talked to Betsy earlier this year, Betsy asked about our ability to “confirm” citizenship. I told her that DPS is the issuer of a DL or ID only, and while citizenship is part of our issuance process, we are not the authorizing agency for citizenship. I recommended she work directly with DHS if they wanted to confirm citizenship status, because we could not do that for SOS. I agree with asking OGC if we can do the verification based on the MOU restrictions, and I’ll follow up with Kathleen on Tuesday.

Respectfully,

Rebekah Hibbs | Senior Manager I Division Support
Driver License Division | Texas Department of Public Safety
From: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 3, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Question from Dallas Morning News

Thank you.

From: Vasan, Gayatri
Sent: Monday, September 3, 2018 2:58 PM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony <Tony.Rodriguez@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from Dallas Morning News

We have a conference call scheduled for tomorrow with Betsy and Keith so that we can confirm their requirements before we proceed with implementation. We will let you know tomorrow after the call how soon we can deliver the files to them.

I hope this is okay with you.

Thank you
Gayatri

From: Arriaga, Amanda
Sent: Monday, September 3, 2018 2:26:30 PM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah; Vasan, Gayatri
Cc: Rodriguez, Tony
Subject: FW: Question from Dallas Morning News

Tomorrow please let me know if there is any issue with providing this information.

Thanks,
Amanda
Gayatri-

Attached is the document I updated during the meeting. I removed some information and just started with this as the clean copy. There are a few things we need to still lock down, but this gives us a starting place. What I walked away from today’s meeting with (and please add or correct at will) is:

Next Steps:
1. Targeted 9/7/18: Confirm the Data set to be provided to SOS, so that SOS can begin working on programming changes.
2. SOS anticipates changes will required 3 months to complete – targeted for go-live ready in December/January. SOS will begin working on programming modifications within the next two weeks based on the anticipated data file. Additional communications will be needed for the data exchange as it relates to encryption of the file, but that is not immediate.
3. Evaluate Timeline for DPS implementation and address questions DPS needs to determine internally to pull the data – i.e. Trigger for inclusion in the file, length of time DPS needs for programming, etc.
4. Re-work Business Rules for Review by SOS/DPS

Betsy’s Notes on today’s meeting
- DPS agreed to implement a weekly file transmission of transactions made for individuals being issued a card who are not U.S. Citizens
- DPS also agreed to provide a single Active Data set of all unexpired records with the same business rules. This active data set will provided approximately 1 week before the weekly file exchanges.
- DPS agreed to provide sample data sets before this for SOS to test encryption/decryption and process.
- The updated record layout of the data file has been put together and needs to be confirmed by DPS (target date by 9/7/18). Record layout is included I the draft version of the business rules attached.
- Gayatri will be reworking the Non Citizen business rules based on today’s discussion. The target of today was to identify what indicates to DPS that a person is not a U.S. Citizen. Updates to the Business Rules:
  - U.S. Citizen will be removed as a filter: Based on the understanding that the U.S. Citizen designation flag is being self-reported, this is not going to be used to determine the inclusion of information in the data file
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- Lawful Presence (LP) Status will be considered: If a person’s Lawful Presence Status is "Passed" this indicates that the person is a U.S. Citizen and will not be included in the Data File.
- Latest LP document on Record will be considered: If the person’s latest Lawful Presence Document on record is a U.S. Passport, Certificate of Citizenship, American Indian Card, or Naturalization Certificate, this indicates the person is a U.S. Citizen and that record will not be included in the data file.
- DPS believes that by targeting Lawful Presence Status does not equal Passed and eliminating the above mentioned latest documents, that this should eliminate U.S. Citizens from the data file (meaning only Non U.S. Citizens would then be included).
  - It was determined to keep Combined/Deleted records in the Business Rules and to include them in the file (if the records is still in Active Status) and the trigger indicates the record should be sent
  - It was determined that DPS will add a flag mechanism to their database to set qualifying transactions to “Yes” to send to SOS. When the data batch process runs, the system will pull the appropriate data fields from records flagged to send to SOS and set the flag to No to indicate the record no longer needs to be sent to SOS.
  - DPS discussed internally what triggered a record to be included in the file. I believe they said: “IDS pending and above states” would result in the transaction being included, but they were going to look at this process some more to make that determination. A note was added to my business rules to indicate that this would need to be captured.
  - It was confirmed that the data being transmitted to SOS is not being used for validation of citizenship at the point of application, but is being used to identify potential registered voters that may need to be investigated for eligibility.
  - It was confirmed that the data is not going to be retained in the voter registration system; rather, the information will be used against the current list of registered voters and matches identified will be sent to the counties for further review. Counties would then have the option to investigate eligibility (not required under current law), and if investigate, the voter would have to respond to the registrar.
  - It was confirmed that this group of individuals must complete transactions in person, meaning that the data SOS would receive would be based on the latest document DPS has on file for that person. If a person has citizenship, but provides DPS an older record (non-citizen record) that is still valid, it is possible that the person may be validated as a Non-Citizen and include in the file.

I think I captured everything. Once you have had a chance to review information, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or need additional information. Thanks.

Betsy Schonhoff
Direct: (512) 463-5653

From: Vasan, Gayatri [mailto:Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 4:03 PM
To: Betsy Schonhoff <BSChonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Non U.S. Citizen or Unknown Citizenship Information

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Hi Betsy,
I think it went well. Can you please send us minutes of what we discussed?

The superset might be easier to implement. It’s the weekly update file that is going to touch many use cases and will take considerable time. When do you need the superset data by? And when do you need the weekly updates by?
From: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 16, 2018 8:42 AM
To: Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Question from Dallas Morning News

Ladies,

Tomorrow can y’all let me know if there is anything outstanding from our side as a result of this request and their follow up phone call from last week?

Thanks,
Amanda

From: Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Lindsey Aston <LAston@sos.texas.gov>; Sam Taylor <STaylor@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Question from Dallas Morning News

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Amanda,

It was good to speak with you yesterday afternoon. Thank you for the updated superset from earlier this week.. Betsy in my office has been in communication with your office earlier this year regarding a revised data request. DPS has been extremely responsive and you guys have given us everything that it has been technically possible to provide thus far.
Vasan, Gayatri

From: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchoenhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Gipson, Sheri
Cc: Vasan, Gayatri; Crawford, John; Joe Esparza; Keith Ingram; Sam Taylor; Adam Bitter; Hibbs, Rebekah; Randall, Robert; Peschka, Jeff; McCraw, Steven; Arriaga, Amanda; Hearn, Skylor
Subject: Re: File for DPS Review

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Thank you very much for the phone call and the update. We will await your notification that the file is ready.

Betsy

On Feb 6, 2019, at 2:21 PM, Gipson, Sheri <Sheri.Gipson@dps.texas.gov> wrote:

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Betsy,

This is a follow up from our telephone conversation. We have completed the review of the records that were held back and have provided that information to IT. They will be preparing the extract data to send back to you and it will be ready later today or tomorrow. An email will be sent when the file is ready for pickup. These are records that are indicated as non-US citizens in the Driver License System.

Sheri Gipson
Assistant Chief
Driver License Division
(o) 512-424-5415
(c) 512-413-4292

From: Gipson, Sheri
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 9:42 AM
To: 'Betsy Schonhoff' <BSchoenhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>; Crawford, John <John.Crawford@dps.texas.gov>; Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Sam Taylor <STaylor@sos.texas.gov>; Adam Bitter <ABitter@sos.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Randall, Robert <Robert.Randall@dps.texas.gov>; Peschka, Jeff <Jeff.Peschka@dps.texas.gov>; McCraw, Steven <Steven.McCraw@dps.texas.gov>; Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>
Betsy,

The file with the records who are not listed as citizens in the Driver License System (DLS) will be sent later today. A list of the DL/ID number of the records we want to do further review on will be sent as well without confirmation of citizen or non-citizen. Final confirmation of those limited records will be provided as soon as possible, but we expect it to take several days to run the queries and do manual verification. We hope to have that information back to you by mid next week, but will provide it sooner if possible.

Sheri Gipson
Assistant Chief
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From: Betsy Schonhoff <BSchonhoff@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 8:57 AM
To: Gipson, Sheri <Sheri.Gipson@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Vasan, Gayatri <Gayatri.Vasan@dps.texas.gov>; Crawford, John <John.Crawford@dps.texas.gov>; Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; Keith Ingram <KIngram@sos.texas.gov>; Sam Taylor <STaylor@sos.texas.gov>; Adam Bitter <ABitter@sos.texas.gov>; Hibbs, Rebekah <Rebekah.Hibbs@dps.texas.gov>; Randall, Robert <Robert.Randall@dps.texas.gov>; Peschka, Jeff <Jeff.Peschka@dps.texas.gov>; McCraw, Steven <Steven.McCraw@dps.texas.gov>; Arriaga, Amanda <Amanda.Arriaga@dps.texas.gov>; Hearn, Skylor <Skylor.Hearn@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: File for DPS Review

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Sheri-

I understand that you will be providing us the list of all but the 500 as quickly as possible. I was assuming that would be today. Please let me know if that is not correct.

One question I forgot to ask is after we receive the original list, do you have an estimated time for when the remaining 500 will be available?

Betsy Schonhoff
Voter Registration Manager
Office of the Texas Secretary of State
(800) 252-2216, option 1
Understood. Thank you for the update. If you can please let us know when the file has been provided, we will retrieve it.

Betsy Schonhoff
Voter Registration Manager
Office of the Texas Secretary of State
(800) 252-2216, option 1

I just spoke with someone from IT. Based on the files that were returned to DPS, we will be providing you with the number of ID/DL card records that will be removed because the citizenship field = yes and return the file with those where citizenship = no on Friday. There is a small number from those files, less than 500, that need further evaluation before we can provide confirmation, so those may not be available until early next week, but we will do our best to get them to you as quickly as possible.

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One final question. Does that mean that the remaining records that were on the “From DPS” tab have been validated Citizenship = YES?

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Betsy,

The records in File 1 are from the “Current VR App other than DPS” tab for which we have identified that US Citizenship = NO.
The records in File 2 are from the “From DPS” tab that are currently being investigated.

Thank you,
Gayatri Vasan
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Cc: Gipson, Sheri <Sheri.Gipson@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Files placed on FTP server
Sheri-

I understand that you will be providing us the list of all but the 500 as quickly as possible. I was assuming that would be today. Please let me know if that is not correct.

One question I forgot to ask is after we receive the original list, do you have an estimated time for when the remaining 500 will be available?

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Subject: RE: File for DPS Review

Understood. Thank you for the update. If you can please let us know when the file has been provided, we will retrieve it.

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Thank you Rebekah! I just spoke with our developers. We anticipate being able to provide the file to you first thing in the morning. I will let you know when we post it.

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As discussed, please respond to all on this email once the file is ready for us to retrieve and start our review. Thanks!

Respectfully,

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Betsy, here are the files of non-citizens.

Thank you,
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Thank you very much for the phone call and the update. We will await your notification that the file is ready.

Betsy

On Feb 6, 2019, at 2:21 PM, Gipson, Sheri <Sheri.Gipson@dps.texas.gov> wrote:

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Betsy,

This is a follow up from our telephone conversation. We have completed the review of the records that were held back and have provided that information to IT. They will be preparing the extract data to send back to you and it will be ready later today or tomorrow. An email will be sent when the file is ready for pickup. These are records that are indicated as non-US citizens in the Driver License System.

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Subject: RE: File for DPS Review

Betsy,

The file with the records who are not listed as citizens in the Driver License System (DLS) will be sent later today. A list of the DL/ID number of the records we want to do further review on will be sent as well without confirmation of citizen or non-citizen. Final confirmation of those limited records will be provided as soon as possible, but we expect it to take several days to run the queries and do manual verification. We hope to have that information back to you by mid next week, but will provide it sooner if possible.

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Gayatri,

We need to send two separate data files to SOS. The first will contain records for all new issuances where the applicant is a non-citizen. The second file will contain records for all issuances where the citizenship has changed from non-citizen to citizen.

These records need to be separated because the data contained in each is different and the methods for obtaining the records is vastly different. Including these records in the same file would lead to serious confusion.

Bob