

# APD ALERT



## Prohibition on Using the Purchase Card with Recovery Act Funds

### Purpose

This APD Alert is issued as a reminder that purchase card/convenience checks shall not be used with funds appropriated for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“Recovery Act”) of 2009.

### Policy

Pursuant to Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Advisory 92B, Recovery Act Charge Card Utilization Plan, each agency is required to maintain internal procedures for purchase card usage with Recovery Act funds. **This Alert reiterates REE’s policy that use of the purchase card/convenience check with Recovery Act funds is prohibited.**

Any contract action obligating Recovery Act funds shall comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and use the Integrated Acquisition System (IAS) with appropriate Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) reporting. APD Alert No. 2009-02, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, provides specific guidance to the contracting community when awarding contracts using Recovery Act funds. Questions regarding APD Alert No. 2009-02 can be directed to Michael Barnes at 301-504-1734 or via e-mail at [Michael.Barnes@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Michael.Barnes@ars.usda.gov).

Local Agency Program Coordinators are to forward this APD Alert to cardholders. Questions pertaining to the use of the purchase card can be directed to Linda Wilson at 301-504-1733 or via e-mail at [Linda.Wilson@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Linda.Wilson@ars.usda.gov).

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