UPDATE OF NIH CONTINUOUS SUBMISSION POLICY: CHANGE IN SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND END OF THE RECENT SUBSTANTIAL SERVICE OPTION

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NOT-OD-20-060 supersedes NOT-OD-17-042 and NOT-OD-18-178 and alerts the research community of plans to discontinue the practice of granting one-year continuous submission status to reviewers with recent substantial review service. This change will be implemented as follows:

- Reviewers who are currently eligible for continuous submission through Recent Substantial Service will remain eligible through the end of their term on September 30, 2020
- Reviewers who earn eligibility for continuous submission through Recent Substantial Service during the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 will be eligible from August 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021
- No reviewers will subsequently earn or be granted continuous submission eligibility due to Recent Substantial Service

Effective February 8, 2020, the continuous submission deadlines for assignment to each council round have been moved back approximately one week (see Table 1 of NOT-OD-20-060). Continuous submission eligibility for appointed members of NIH committees and other terms/requirements of the overall policy have not changed with the exception of the deadlines for assignment to a given council round.