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TO: Patent Examining Corps

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SUBJECT: **Revised form paragraphs to eliminate references to EFS-Web and Private PAIR**

As previously announced, EFS-Web and Private Patent Application Information Retrieval (Private PAIR) systems were retired on November 15, 2023. Patent Center has fully replaced these legacy tools as a one-stop shop to file and manage patent applications. In view of this system replacement, revised form paragraphs were released on January 3, 2024 in Patents End-to-End Official Correspondence (PE2E-OC) to eliminate references to the now retired EFS-Web and Private PAIR and to consistently refer to the USPTO patent electronic filing system (which currently consists of Patent Center). Form paragraph 7.82.03 was further revised to provide instructions on the use of the new Basic Search feature of the Patent Public Search tool. A table listing the revised form paragraphs is attached.

The revisions do not change substantive examination procedures. However, it is important that examiners use the updated form paragraphs to provide correct information to applicants. Examiners should not use outdated text that refers to EFS-Web and Private PAIR. For example, examiners should make sure they use the updated text for form paragraph 7.101 or 7.102, which are used at the end of many Office actions.

These revisions to the form paragraphs supersede the content in the Ninth Edition, Revision 07.2022, of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP). The MPEP will be updated in due course to include the revised form paragraphs.

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