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## News and Analysis of Breaking Issues in Affordable Housing



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### Conversion from Sprint Mail to TRACS Mail - Part 3

Late yesterday HUD announced that the final use date for Sprint Mail is being extended to March 31 from February 28.

This will give everyone an additional month to get their systems revised so that the transition will be smoother. We understand that all of the major software vendors are now shipping their revised TRACSMail software. Several firms did not start shipping until last week, when we went into this process the general consensus was that they would have started shipping about December 10, some missed that target by five weeks.

HUD and Contract Administrators are set to accept transmissions using either system.

*George's Spin - Fred Tombar and Steve Martin at HUD have asked us to pass along that mounting and setting up software sooner rather than later is a very good idea. To the extent possible if you have the new software, transmitting a few sites through TRACSMail for the March Voucher that will go to HUD in the next week or so is a good idea. Extending the contract beyond March 31 for Sprint Mail is very unlikely. Waiting to the last minute to implement will likely cause you and everyone else problems. Events have conspired to give us only a narrow window to get this installed and tested, moving ahead with a few of your sites this month is wise, and will give you some important feedback on other issues that you may have to address in the conversion.*