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To: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the California
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Subject: Suspension of Commission Action Pertaining to Emergency Permits and
Credential Waivers

At the October 2, 2003 meeting of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the Commission reconsidered and suspended the action it took previously at its August meeting pertaining to emergency permits and credential waivers. The August action was to discontinue the issuance of emergency permits and credential waivers for Title I core academic classrooms effective September 1, 2003 and to discontinue emergency permits for all core academic classrooms after July 1, 2005. The action taken at the October 2 meeting suspends this action until the Commission has an opportunity to collect additional information about the impact on school districts and county offices of education in implementing the discontinuance of emergency permits and credential waivers. **During this fact-finding process employing agencies may continue to submit applications for emergency permits and credential waivers until further action is taken by the Commission.** As a part of the action to suspend its August action, the Commission declared its intent to discontinue emergency permits and credential waivers in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) core areas by July 1, 2006.

At its November 6, 2003 meeting, the Commission plans to review the practical problems of discontinuing emergency permits and credential waivers by July 1, 2006. The Commission expects to take action at its December 4, 2003 meeting on a specific plan to discontinue emergency permits and credential waivers.