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Section IV.a. of Directive CAA-2, "Settlement Guidelines," is being changed to include a statement requiring that all settlement offers be forwarded to the Division of Debt Management (DDM). DDM will refer the offers to the Deputy Director, OSMRE, as necessary.

a. Compromise Authority: OSMRE, specifically the Division of Debt Management within the Finance and Accounting Directorate, has the authority to recommend compromise of any debt but must receive Solicitor concurrence, regardless of debt amount. The Solicitor has the authority to compromise any claim referred to that office, not exceeding $20,000. The compromise of debts over $20,000 requires approval from the Solicitor's Office and the Department of Justice. All compromises recommended by the Solicitor's Office and the Department of Justice require OSMRE approval. Compromises for debts equal to or in excess of $20,000 require the specific approval of the Deputy Director, Administration and Finance. These settlement offers should be forwarded to the Division of Debt Management for referral to the Deputy Director, Administration and Finance. The Private Collection Agencies contracted by OSMRE may also enter into a compromise settlement, following the guidelines below, but must receive approval from the OSMRE, the Solicitor's Office, and where necessary, the Department of Justice.

In all situations, no more than $1,000 of the amount of delinquent AML fees may be compromised. The amount of compromise greater than $1,000 may only consist of penalties, interest, or administrative fees. Any exceptions must be specifically approved by the Deputy Director, Administration and Finance.

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