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## SUBJECT: Title IX Update: Court Ruling on Regulations

On January 9, 2025, a federal judge issued a ruling that overturned the Biden administration's Title IX regulations, reverting Title IX compliance standards back to the 2020 regulations issued during the previous administration. The University of South Florida (USF) was named in an injunction earlier this year that prevented us from implementing the 2024 regulations. As a result, this ruling does not create any changes to how USF administers Title IX.

USF has continued to operate under the 2020 regulations, meaning our Title IX training, policies, and procedures remain up to date. Employees and students should continue to follow the same procedures for reporting and addressing Title IX concerns.

It's also important to note that even if an incident does not meet the specific criteria under Title IX, USF is committed to fostering a safe and respectful environment. Such incidents may still be addressed through other university offices, such as Human Resources for employee matters or the Office of Student Conduct for student-related issues.

If you have questions about this update or need guidance regarding Title IX or related concerns, please contact USF's Title IX Office at <u>titleixreports@usf.edu</u> or 813-974-4373.