

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13-19

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER STAYING CIVIL CASES IN WHICH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT IS A PARTY**

A lapse in appropriations has occurred whereby neither an appropriations bill nor a continuing resolution has been enacted to provide appropriate funding for the operation of the Department of Justice. In light of the DOJ's temporary lack of staff and funding, it is appropriate that all civil actions pending in the Eastern District of Texas wherein the United States or an agency, corporation, officer or employee of the United States is a party are STAYED. All such cases are stayed until such time as an appropriations bill or a continuing resolution is enacted restoring funding to the Department of Justice. All deadlines and due dates in the listed cases are extended for a period of time commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations. This order does not prohibit, in any manner, the ability of parties to file claims or commence actions against the United States or an agency, corporation, officer or employee of the United States. However, any cases commenced while there is a lapse in appropriations will be immediately stayed, pending restoration of appropriations.

The United States Attorney is directed to notify the Court when Congress restores appropriations to the Department of Justice.

Signed this 9th day of October, 2013.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leonard Davis', written over a horizontal line.

LEONARD DAVIS
Chief Judge