(5) Normal life insurance premiums, excluding optional life insurance premiums; and

(6) Levies pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5514(d).

(k) *Employee* means a current employee of an agency, including a current member of the Armed Forces or Reserve of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(l) *Federal Claims Collection Standards* means the standards published at 4 CFR chapter II.

(m) *Paying agency* means the agency of the Federal Government that employs the individual who owes a debt to the United States. In some cases, the Corporation may be both the creditor agency and the paying agency.

(n) *Payroll office* means the payroll office in the paying agency that is primarily responsible for the payroll records and the coordination of pay matters with the appropriate personnel office with respect to an employee.

(o) *Person* includes a natural person or persons, profit or non-profit corporation, partnership, association, trust, estate, consortium, State and local government, or other entity that is capable of owing a debt to the United States Government; however, agencies of the United States are excluded.

(p) *Private collection contractor* means a private debt collector under contract with an agency to collect a non-tax debt owed to the United States.

(q) *Salary offset* means a payroll procedure to collect a debt under 5 U.S.C. 5514 by deduction(s) at one or more officially established pay intervals from the current pay account of an employee, without his or her consent.

(r) *Tax refund offset* means the reduction of a tax refund by the amount of a past-due legally enforceable debt owed to the Corporation or any other Federal agency.

(s) *Waiver* means the cancellation, remission, forgiveness, or non-recovery of a debt allegedly owed by a person to the Corporation or any other Federal agency as permitted or required by 5 U.S.C. 5584 or 8346(b), 10 U.S.C. 2774, 32 U.S.C. 716, or any other law.

§ 2506.2 What is the Corporation's authority to issue these regulations?

The Corporation is issuing regulations in this part under 42 U.S.C. 12651f and 31 U.S.C. 3711, 3716, and 3720A. The Corporation is also issuing the regulations in this part in conformity with the Federal Claims Collection Standards, 4 CFR chapter II, which prescribe standards for the handling of the federal government's claims for money or property, including standards for administrative collection, compromise, termination of agency collection action, and referral to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for litigation.

§ 2506.3 What other regulations also apply to the Corporation's debt collection efforts?

All provisions of the Federal Claims Collection Standards also apply to the regulations in this part. This part supplements the Federal Claims Collection Standards by prescribing procedures and directives necessary and appropriate for operations of the Corporation.

§ 2506.4 Do these regulations apply to claims involving fraud or misrepresentation?

The Federal Claims Collection Standards and this part do not apply to any claim as to which there is an indication of fraud or misrepresentation, as described in the Federal Claims Collection Standards, unless returned to the Corporation by the DOJ to the Corporation for handling.

§ 2506.5 What is the extent of the Chief Executive Officer's authority to compromise debts owed to the Corporation?

The Chief Executive Officer may exercise his or her compromise authority for those debts not exceeding $100,000, excluding interest, in conformity with the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended; the Federal Claims Collection Standards issued thereunder; and this part, except where standards are established by other statutes or authorized regulations issued pursuant to them.