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Email and Telephone Scams Using IRS Name

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has reported new scams this tax season which falsely claim to come from the IRS in attempts to fraudulently obtain personal, bank account and credit card data. In particular, a recent "Refund e-Mail" scam targets tax-exempt organizations, instructing the recipient to click on a link in the e-mail to access a refund claim form and then provide sensitive information.

The IRS does not send unsolicited e-mail to tax-exempt organizations such as the DOE or its schools. Please do not open any emails which appear to have been sent from the IRS. They are not legitimate. Additional information is available at:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=178061,00.html>