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Springfield, VA 22152

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Hon. John J. Mulrooney, II  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Law Judges  
8701 Morrissette Drive  
Springfield, VA 22152

Dear Chief Judge Mulrooney,

On May 21, 2024, the Department of Justice published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to transfer marijuana from schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to schedule III of the CSA. See [Schedules of Controlled Substances: Rescheduling of Marijuana, 89 FR 44597 \(May 21, 2024\)](#). Upon review of the requests for hearing on the NPRM, I authorized a hearing to be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the CSA, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations. See [Schedules of Controlled Substances: Rescheduling of Marijuana, 89 FR 70148 \(Aug. 29, 2024\)](#).

On October 28, 2024, I designated an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to preside over the hearing. Given the public interest in this matter and DEA's commitment to conducting a transparent proceeding, I am exercising my inherent authority under [21 CFR 1307.03](#) to waive [21 CFR 1316.52](#) to the extent necessary to direct that the hearing be livestreamed. I am also exercising my authority to allow the in-person attendance of a limited number of credentialed media, as determined by DEA's Office of Public Affairs.

Sincerely,

Anne Milgram  
Administrator

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