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1/25/09 – Obama Freezes Pending Bush Regulations

If you were waiting-on or sought guidance for your firm or your clients from a recently issued regulation – that will now be put on “hold.” White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel issued a memo Jan. 20th (the first day of the new administration) to all federal agencies and departments freezing any new or pending regulations drafted by the Bush administration. The memo states that no proposed or final regulation should be sent to the *Federal Register* for publication until it has been reviewed and approved by a department or agency head appointed by the new administration. It also asks department heads to extend for 60 days the effective date of regulations that have already been published in the *Federal Register* but have not yet taken effect to allow time for review.