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DFA WARNS OF E-MAIL SCAM

LITTLE ROCK, AR— The Department of Finance and Administration wants to alert taxpayers to the latest version of an e-mail scam intended to fool people into believing their tax return is being reviewed by the Arkansas Revenue Services. Arkansas Revenue Services is a fictitious name, and is not a part of the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration does not send out unsolicited e-mails or ask for detailed financial information by unsolicited e-mail. Recipients of questionable e-mails claiming to come from the Department or from the Arkansas Revenue Services should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the e-mail. The Department of Finance and Administration is warning taxpayers that the e-mail link may request personal or financial information.

The e-mail purports to be from Arkansas Revenue Services and falsely states that the person's tax return has been selected for a detailed review because of a number of irregularities. The e-mail seeks to entice people to click on a link to learn more information about the complaint against them.

This e-mail is one of several types of questionable e-mail that the Department of Finance and Administration and other federal and state agencies receive that involve tricking victims into revealing private and financial information over the Internet, a practice known as "phishing" for information. Taxpayers should beware of these scam artists and exercise caution whenever you receive unsolicited e-mails from senders you don't know.