New Features

Users are not able to Waive Patent with Outstanding Notifications for NIH Inventions

When an external user requests to waive patent on NIH Extramural Inventions Report (EIR), the system checks if the following conditions exist:

- Missing Government Support Clause (GSC)
- Missing Confirmatory License (CL)
- CL is rejected
- GSC is rejected

If any of the above conditions exist, the following error message(s) display accordingly when the Submit button is clicked:

- If Extramural Notifications Exist: The following notifications must be cleared before this Patent may be Waived: <EXTRAMURAL NOTIFICATION NUMBER>. Also, any messages suppressed by the institution also require resolution.
- If Agency Notifications Exist: The following notification messages must be cleared by the Agency before this Patent may be Waived <AGENCY NOTIFICATION NUMBER>.
- This patent record may not be waived until the Government Support clause is added to the Patent and attached to the patent record and accepted by the Government.
- This patent record may not be waived until it is covered by a Confirmatory License citing the Federal Funding Agreement(s) under which it was made that is accepted by the Government.

External Users Cannot Select Not-Elect-Title Options on EIR if Associated Patents are not Waived

When an external iEdison user selects Not Elect Title to waive a patent, the system verifies if any Patents derived from it are also in Waived or Voided status. If not, then the following error
message displays:  *Before you may Not-Elect-Title to this Invention, all associated Patents must be Waived.*

The system also verifies if a new Invention Disclosure for the EIR has been accepted. If not, then the following error message displays:  *This invention record cannot be waived until the disclosure document is accepted by the Government.*

**Report Requirement Rules are Validated before Waiving or Not-Elect-Title for an Invention Record through a Data Stream Upload**

When an external user requests to **Not Elect Title** for an NIH Invention through the **Data Stream Upload**, the following validations are performed:

- If the Invention status is **Not Elect Title**, system verifies that any patents derived from this EIR are in **Waived** or **Voided** statuses. Otherwise, this error message will be provided:  *
  Before you may Not Elect Title to this Invention, all associated Patents must be Waived.*

- If there is no outstanding notification for inventions or patents, but extramural notifications exist, then the following error message will be provided:  *
  The following notifications must be cleared before you may Not Elect Title to this invention:  
  <EXTRAMURAL NOTIFICATION NUMBER>.  Also, any messages suppressed by the institution also require resolution.*

- If there is no outstanding notification for inventions or patents, but the Agency Notifications exist, then the following error message will be provided:  *
  The following notification messages must be cleared by the Agency before you may Not Elect Title to this invention <AGENCY NOTIFICATION NUMBER>*.

- If a Utilization Report has not been submitted for current FY, then the following error message will be provided:  *
  A Utilization Report must be submitted for the Fiscal Year <FISCAL YEAR> before the invention may be set to Not Elect Title status.*

- For an EIR that is being uploaded without the Invention Disclosure having been accepted, the system will display the following error message:  *
  This invention record cannot be waived until the disclosure document is accepted by the Government.*

When an external user requests to waive a patent through the **Data Stream Upload**, the following validations are performed:

- If there is outstanding notification for the patent, and the Extramural Notifications exist, then the following error message will be provided:  *
  The following notifications must be cleared before this Patent may be Waived:  <EXTRAMURAL NOTIFICATION NUMBER>.  Also, any messages suppressed by the institution also require resolution.*

- If there are outstanding notifications for the patent, and the Agency Notifications exist, then the following error message will be provided:  *
  The following notification messages must be cleared by the Agency before this Patent may be Waived <AGENCY NOTIFICATION NUMBER>”.

- If a GSC has not been accepted, then the following error message will be provided:  *
  This patent record may not be waived until the Government Support clause is added to
the Patent and attached to the patent record and accepted by the Government. For CL, this error message will be provided: This patent record may not be waived until it is covered by a Confirmatory License citing the Federal Funding Agreement(s) under which it was made that is accepted by the Government.

**EIR Utilization Report Reminders are Available for DOT**

iEdison Utilization Report Reminders for EIRs are available for certain Department of Transportation (DOT) contracts. During a Fiscal Year, if the DOT EIR’s status is Elect Title, and the Utilization Report has not been submitted for the previous fiscal year, then the following message is generated: Title to this invention has been elected. After title has been elected, a Utilization Report must be submitted annually based on the 12-month reporting cycle chosen by this grantee/contractor, a Utilization Report for this invention is due.

If the Utilization Report has not been submitted and the due date has passed, this message will be generated: A utilization report must be submitted annually for every invention to which title has been elected. According to a 12-month cycle defined by the grantee/contractor organization, the utilization report for this invention was due on <DUE DATE>.

If DOT’s Institution Profile has not designated a Fiscal Month, this message will be generated: Your Organization has not designated a 12-month reporting cycle for annual Utilization Reports. A reporting cycle can be designated in the Organizational Profile.