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# URGENT NOTICE

**To:** SU AgCenter Faculty and Staff  
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**Date:** May 1, 2008  
**Subject:** LAN (Local Area Network) Security: Peer-to-Peer Sharing



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Effective immediately, the Office of Technology Services (OTS) is enforcing that all peer-to-peer sharing will be disabled on the Southern University AgCenter’s network. This network has largely been open to the Internet over the past five years. Providing this open access to information technology is imperative to ensuring research and academic freedom at the Center.

An important part of providing this network access is ensuring that the network is secure 24/7. Recent attacks from viruses, worms and denial-of-service attacks have harmed our ability to provide 24/7 access to all members of the Center. In order to ensure continued access to information technology, we are requesting that ALL installation and use of peer-to-peer sharing software be uninstalled and removed from all workstations. (i.e. Limewire, xxxx, etc...). **Note: We reserve the right to suspend access to preserve the integrity of the network.** Our goal is to provide guidance and ensure that the Center’s technological services are secure and available to all faculty and staff 24/7.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please call or email one of the members of our office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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