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In the past, several of the journals published by the American Chemical Society, including the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, have used the services of a centralized Manuscript Office at ACS headquarters in Washington, DC, to assist their editors in the peer review process. Certainly, one of the most visible functions of the Manuscript Office has been its communications linkage with authors and reviewers on behalf of the editors. Over the past several years, there has been a gradual transfer of these duties from the Manuscript Office to the offices of the editors of selected journals. The Manuscript Office is now being permanently closed, and as a result, all of the functions that it previously provided will be carried out by staff in the offices of the editors of the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*. Therefore, effective immediately, authors should submit their manuscripts directly to the editor at

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On behalf of all the editors, I thank the staff of the Manuscript Office for their diligence, dedication to excellence in the administration of the peer review process, and assistance in our efforts to make the transition to this new mode of operation smooth and efficient.

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