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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL **MANAGEMENT**

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AH27

Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of Certain Federal Wage System Wage

**AGENCY: Office of Personnel** 

Management. **ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a final rule to redefine several Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas for pay-setting purposes. OPM is engaged in an ongoing project to review the geographic definitions of selected FWS wage areas. Based on recent reviews of wage and survey area boundaries in a number of wage areas, OPM is redefining and/or renaming the following FWS wage areas: Hagerstown-Martinsburg-Chambersburg, MD; Biloxi, MŠ; Columbus-Aberdeen, MS; Jackson, MS; Meridian, MS; Great Falls, MT; Pittsburgh, PA; Eastern Tennessee; Corpus Christi, TX; San Antonio, TX; and West Virginia. Timing of the actual implementation of changes in these wage areas varies somewhat because of the varying dates for the conduct of local FWS wage surveys.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Allen, (202) 606-2848.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM is engaged in an ongoing project to review the geographic definitions of selected FWS appropriated fund wage areas. On December 19, 1995, OPM published a proposed rule (60 FR 65245) concerning changes in several FWS wage area definitions. The proposed rule provided a 30-day period for public comment. OPM received comments regarding the definition of the Columbus-Aberdeen,

MS, wage area from several FWS employees in the wage area and an attorney. The commenters recommended that OPM remove Panola. Yalobusha, and Grenada Counties, MS, from the Columbus-Aberdeen wage area and redefine the counties to the Memphis, TN, wage area.

During its study of the Columbus-Aberdeen wage area, the Federal **Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee** carefully reviewed the wage area definitions of Grenada, Panola, and Yalobusha Counties and determined by consensus that, according to the regulatory criteria for defining FWS wage areas (section 532.211 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations), the counties should remain in the wage area to which they are currently defined, with Grenada County being added to the wage area's survey area. OPM concurs with that finding and does not, therefore, agree that Grenada, Panola, and Yalobusha Counties should be redefined to the Memphis wage area.

## Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they affect only Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

Accordingly, OPM is amending 5 CFR Part 532 as follows:

## PART 532—PREVAILING RATE **SYSTEMS**

1. The authority citation for part 532 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5343, 5346; § 532.707 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552.

Appendix A to Subpart B—[Amended]

2. Appendix A to subpart B is amended for Great Falls, MT, by removing the name "Great Falls" and adding in its place "Montana", and for Columbus-Aberdeen, MS, by removing the name "Columbus-Aberdeen" and adding in its place "Northern Mississippi".

3. Appendix C to subpart B is amended by revising the wage area listings for Hagerstown-Martinsburg-Chambersburg, MD and Biloxi, MS; removing "Columbus-Aberdeen" MS and inserting in alphabetical order a new listing for "Northern Mississippi;" and revising the listing for Jackson, MS; Meridian, MS; the state of Montana; Pittsburgh, PA; Eastern Tennessee; Corpus Christi, TX; San Antonio, TX; and West Virginia to read as follows:

Appendix C to Subpart B of Part 532— Appropriated Fund Wage and Survey Areas

MARYLAND

HAGERSTOWN-MARTINSBURG-**CHAMBERSBURG** 

Survey Area

Maryland:

Washington

Pennsylvania:

Franklin West Virginia:

Berkeley

Area of Application—Survey Area Plus

Maryland:

Allegany

Garrett

Pennsylvania:

Fulton (Effective as of April 17, 1996.)

Virginia (cities):

Harrisonburg

Winchester

Virginia (counties):

**Clarke** 

Culpeper Frederick

Greene

Madison

Page

Rappahannock

Rockingham

Shenandoah

Warren

West Virginia: Hampshire

Hardy

Jefferson

Mineral

Morgan

MISSISSIPPI

**BILOXI** 

Survey Area

Mississippi:

Hancock

Harrison

Jackson

Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Powell
Mississippi:	Mississippi:	Prairie
George	Alcorn	Ravalli Richland
Pearl River	Bolivar	Roosevelt
Stone (Effective as of November 1, 1997.)	Calhoun	Rosebud
JACKSON	Carroll Chickasaw	Sanders
Cumray area	Choctaw	Sheridan
Survey area	Coahoma	Silver Bow
Mississippi:	Itawamba	Stillwater
Hinds Rankin	Layfayette (Excluding Holly Springs	Sweet Grass
Warren	National Forest.)	Teton Toole
	Montgomery	Treasure
Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Noxubee	Valley
Mississippi:	Panola Pontotoc (Excluding Holly Springs	Wheatland
Adams (Effective as of February 1, 1997.)	National Forest.)	Wibaux
Amite Attala	Prentiss	Wyoming:
Claiborne (Effective as of February 1,	Quitman	Big Horn Park
1997.)	Sunflower	* * * * *
Copiah	Tallahatchie	
Covington	Tishomingo	PENNSYLVANIA
Franklin	Union (Excluding Holly Springs National Forest.)	* * * * *
Holmes	Washington	PITTSBURGH
Humphreys Issaquena	Webster	
Jefferson (Effective as of February 1, 1997.)	Winston	Survey Area
Jefferson Davis	Yalobusha	Pennsylvania:
Lawrence	* * * * *	Allegheny
Lincoln	MONITANIA	Beaver
Madison	MONTANA	Butler (Effective as of the first day of the month of the first full-scale wage survey
Marion	Survey Area	in the Pittsburgh wage area following
Pike Scott	Montana:	April 17, 1996.)
Sharkey	Cascade	Washington
Simpson	Lewis and Clark	Westmoreland
Smith	Yellowstone	Area of Application—Survey Area Plus
Walthall	Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Pennsylvania:
Wilkinson	Montana:	Armstrong
Yazoo	Beaverhead	Bedford
MERIDIAN	Big Horn	Blair
Survey Area	Blaine	Cambria
Mississippi:	Broadwater Carbon	Cameron Centre
Forest	Carter	Clarion
Lamar (Effective as of February 1, 1997.)	Chouteau	Clearfield
Lauderdale	Custer	Clinton
Alabama:	Daniels	Crawford
Choctaw	Dawson	Elk Erie
Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Deer Lodge Fallon	Fayette
Mississippi:	Fergus	Forest
Clarke	Flathead	Greene
Greene	Gallatin	Huntingdon
Jasper Jones	Garfield	Indiana
Kemper	Glacier	Jefferson Lawrence
Leake	Golden Valley	McKean
Neshoba	Granite Hill	Mercer
Newton	Jefferson	Potter
Perry	Judith Basin	Somerset
Wayne	Lake	Venango
Alabama: Sumter	Liberty	Warren
	Lincoln	Ohio: Belmont
NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI	McCone Madison	Carroll
Survey Area	Madison Meagher	Harrison
Mississippi:	Mineral	Jefferson
Clay	Missoula	Tuscarawas
Grenada (Effective as of February 1, 1996.)	Musselshell	West Virginia:
Leflore (Effective as of February 1, 1996.)	Park	Brooke
Lee	Petroleum	Hancock Marshall
Lowndes Monroe	Phillips Pondera	Ohio
Oktibbeha	Pondera Powder River	* * * * *

TENNESSEE	William (Effection of Call Co. 1 Co.)	Managan
	Willacy (Effective as of the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on	Mercer Mingo
EASTERN TENNESSEE	or after April 17, 1996.	Monroe
Survey Area	* * * * *	Nicholas Pendleton
Tennessee:	SAN ANTONIO	Pleasants
Carter	Survey Area	Pocahontas
Hawkins Sullivan	Survey Area	Preston
Unicoi	Texas: Bexar	Raleigh Randolph
Washington	Comal	Ritchie
Virginia (city):	Guadalupe	Roane
Bristol	Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Summers
Virginia (counties): Scott	Texas:	Taylor Tucker
Washington	Atascosa	Tyler
· ·	Bandera	Úpshur
Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	De Witt Dimmit	Webster
Tennessee: Cocke	Duval	Wetzel Wirt
Greene	Edwards	Wood
Hancock	Frio Gillespie	Wyoming
Johnson	Gonzales	Ohio:
Virginia:	Jim Hogg	Athens Gallia
Buchanan Grayson	Karnes	Jackson
Lee	Kendall Kerr	Meigs
Russell	Kinney	Monroe
Smyth	La Salle	Morgan Noble
Tazewell	McMullen	Pike
North Carolina: Alleghany	Maverick Medina	Scioto
Ashe	Real	Vinton Washington
Watauga	Uvalde	Kentucky:
Kentucky:	Val Verde	Carter
Harlan Letcher	Webb Wilson	Elliott
* * * * *	Zapata	Floyd Johnson
* * * * *	Zavala	Lawrence
TEXAS	* * * * *	Lewis
* * * * *	WEST VIRGINIA	Magoffin
CORPUS CHRISTI	Survey Area	Martin Pike
Survey Area	•	Virginia (city):
•	West Virginia: Cabell	Norton (Effective as of April 17, 1996.
Texas: Nueces	Harrison	Virginia (counties):
San Patricio	Kanawha	Dickenson Wise
Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Marion	* * * * *
	Monongalia Putnam	FR Doc. 96–6268 Filed 3–15–96; 8:45 am]
Texas: Aransas	Wayne	BILLING CODE 6325–01–M
Bee	Ohio:	BILLING GODE 0323-01-III
Brooks (Effective as of the first day of the	Lawrence Kentucky:	
first applicable pay period beginning on	Boyd	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
or after April 17, 1996. Calhoun	Greenup	
Cameron (Effective as of the first day of the	Area of Application—Survey Area Plus	Federal Aviation Administration
first applicable pay period beginning on or after April 17, 1996.	West Virginia:	14 CFR Part 39
Goliad	Barbour Boone	[Docket No. 95-ANE-53; Amendment 39-
Hidalgo (Effective as of the first day of the	Braxton	9529; AD 96–05–03]
first applicable pay period beginning on	Calhoun	Airworthiness Directives; AlliedSignal
or after April 17, 1996. Jim Wells	Clay	Inc. TFE731 Series Turbofan Engines
Kenedy (Effective as of the first day of the	Doddridge Fayette	_
first applicable pay period beginning on	Gilmer	AGENCY: Federal Aviation
or after April 17, 1996.	Grant	Administration, DOT.
Kleberg	Greenbrier	ACTION: Final rule; request for
Live Oak Refugio	Jackson Lewis	comments.
Starr (Effective as of the first day of the first	Lincoln	<b>SUMMARY:</b> This amendment supersedes
applicable pay period beginning on or	Logan	an existing airworthiness directive (AD),
after April 17, 1996.	McDowell	applicable to AlliedSignal Inc. (formerly
Victoria	Mason	Garrett Engine Division) TFE731 Series