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[Notice (11–051)]

Reducing Regulatory Burden; Retrospective Review Under E.O. 13563

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its implementation of Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, issued by the President on January 18, 2011, NASA is seeking comments on the Agency's preliminary plan to conduct a retrospective analysis of its existing regulations. The purpose of this analysis is to make NASA's regulatory program more effective and less burdensome in achieving its regulatory objectives.

DATES: Comments are requested on or before July 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>, or e-mail comments to hq-regulatory-review@mail.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nanette Jennings, 202–358–0819, hq-regulatory-review@mail.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 18, 2011, the President issued Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, to ensure that Federal regulations seek a more affordable, less intrusive means to achieve policy goals and that agencies give careful consideration to the benefits and costs of those regulations. The Order further directs agencies to develop a preliminary plan, consistent with law and its resources and regulatory priorities, under which the agency will periodically review its

existing significant regulations to determine whether any such regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed so as to make the agency's regulatory program more effective or less burdensome in achieving the regulatory objectives. The Order can be accessed at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/inforeg/EO12866/EO13563_01182011.pdf.

To implement the Order, NASA developed its preliminary plan and issues this request seeking public comment on how best to review its existing regulations. NASA's plan is accessible on its Open Government Web site at <http://www.nasa.gov/open/>. Submit electronic comments through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or e-mail electronic comments to hq-regulatory-review@mail.nasa.gov. Include "Regulatory Review" in the subject line of the e-mail.

Richard Keegan,

Associate Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

2 CFR Chapter XXIV

5 CFR Chapter LXV

12 CFR Chapter XVII

24 CFR Chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XII, and Subtitles A and B

48 CFR Chapter 24

[Docket No. FR–5506–N–02]

Reducing Regulatory Burden; Retrospective Review Plans Under E.O. 13563

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review," HUD has developed a preliminary review plan for periodically analyzing its existing significant regulations to determine whether they should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed. The

preliminary plan also identifies specific regulatory actions rules that HUD will be undertaking to address regulations that the Department has identified as being outdated, ineffective, or excessively burdensome. The preliminary plans of the Federal agencies have been posted on the White House Web site at: <http://www.slideshare.net/whitehouse/hud-combined>. Through this notice, HUD solicits public comment on the Department's preliminary plan and list of candidate rules. The purpose of HUD's regulatory review is to make the Department's regulations more effective and less burdensome in achieving HUD's mission to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities, and quality affordable homes for all.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Comments on HUD's preliminary regulatory review plan and list of candidate rules are due on or before August 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding HUD's preliminary regulatory review plan and list of candidate rules to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are three methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0001.

2. *E-mail Submission of Comments:* Comments may be submitted by e-mail to RegulatoryReview@hud.gov.

3. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the

<http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the three methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the rule. *No Facsimile Comments.* Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Camille E. Acevedo, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10282, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-708-1793 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On January 18, 2011, President Obama issued Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review."¹ The Executive Order requires Federal agencies to seek more affordable, less intrusive ways to achieve policy goals and give careful consideration to the benefits and costs of those regulations. The Executive Order recognizes that these principles should not only guide the Federal government's approach to new regulations, but to existing ones as well. To that end, agencies are required to review existing significant regulations to determine if they are outmoded,

ineffective, insufficient or excessively burdensome. Executive Order 13563 also required that, by May 18, 2011, each agency develop and submit to the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs a preliminary plan for periodically reviewing existing significant regulations to determine whether they should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed so as to make the agency's regulatory program more effective or less burdensome in achieving regulatory objectives.

On March 2, 2011, at 76 FR 11395, HUD published a notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comments, with a comment deadline of May 2, 2011, to assist in the development of the plan required by the Executive Order and in identifying specific current regulations that should be the subject of HUD review. HUD received 42 public comments from nonprofit advocacy groups, private industry groups, housing authorities, and private individuals, amounting to more than 300 specific suggestions.

The preliminary regulatory review plans of the Federal agencies have been posted on the White House Web site at: <http://www.slideshare.net/whitehouse/hud-combined>. The appendix to HUD's plan identifies the initial set of HUD regulatory actions being taken in response to Executive Order 13563. HUD carefully considered the comments received in response to the March 2, 2011, notice in development of its preliminary plan.

Through this notice, HUD solicits public comment on the Department's preliminary plan and list of candidate rules. All comments will be considered in the development of HUD's final plan.

Dated: May 26, 2011.

Camille E. Acevedo,
Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AM37

Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Northern Mississippi and Memphis, TN, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is issuing a proposed rule that would redefine the geographic boundaries of the Northern Mississippi and Memphis, Tennessee, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas. The proposed rule would redefine Panola County, MS, from the Northern Mississippi wage area to the Memphis wage area. This change is based on a consensus recommendation of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC) to best match the county proposed for redefinition to a nearby FWS survey area. FPRAC did not recommend other changes for the Northern Mississippi and Memphis FWS wage areas at this time.

DATES: We must receive comments on or before July 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Jerome D. Mikowicz, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; e-mail pay-leave-policy@opm.gov; or FAX: (202) 606-4264.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline Gonzalez, (202) 606-2838; e-mail pay-leave-policy@opm.gov; or FAX: (202) 606-4264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a proposed rule to redefine the Northern Mississippi and Memphis, TN, appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) wage areas. This proposed rule would redefine Panola County, MS, from the Northern Mississippi wage area to the Memphis wage area.

OPM considers the following regulatory criteria under 5 CFR 532.211 when defining FWS wage area boundaries:

- (i) Distance, transportation facilities, and geographic features;
- (ii) Commuting patterns; and
- (iii) Similarities in overall population, employment, and the kinds and sizes of private industrial establishments.

Panola County is currently defined to the Northern Mississippi area of application in appendix C to subpart B of part 532. Based on our analysis of the regulatory criteria for defining appropriated fund FWS wage areas, we find that Panola County would now be more appropriately defined as part of the Memphis area of application. Distance and commuting patterns criteria for Panola County clearly favor the Memphis wage area. Transportation

¹ The Executive Order was subsequently published in the **Federal Register** on January 21, 2011, at 76 FR 3821.