

PART 334—DANGER ZONE AND RESTRICTED AREA REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 334 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 Stat. 266 (33 U.S.C. 1) and 40 Stat. 892 (33 U.S.C. 3).

2. Section 334.460 is amended by revising paragraphs (a)(12), (b)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9) and (11), and adding a new paragraph (a)(13), to read as follows:

§ 334.460 Cooper River and tributaries at Charleston, SC

(a) * * *

(12) Danger zone. That portion of Foster Creek beginning at the point of the southern shoreline of an unnamed tributary of Foster Creek at its intersection with Foster Creek at latitude 32°59'16"N, longitude 79°57'23"W; thence back proceeding along the eastern shoreline to the terminus of the tributary at latitude 32°59'49"N, longitude 79°57'29"W; thence back down the western shoreline of the unnamed tributary to latitude 32°59'15"N, longitude 79°57'26"W. The waters and associated marshes in this danger zone area are subject to impact by rounds and ricochets originating from a small arms range when firing is in progress.

(13) Danger zone. Those portions of unnamed tributaries and associated marshes of Back River and Foster Creek that are generally described as lying south of the main shoreline and extending southward to the northern shoreline of Big Island (U.S. Naval Reservation). Specifically, the area beginning at a point on the main shoreline which is the northern shore of an unnamed tributary of Back River at latitude 32°59'19"N, longitude 79°56'52"W, southwesterly to a point on or near the northern shoreline of Big Island at latitude 32°59'11"N, longitude 79°56'59"W; thence northwesterly to a point on the main shoreline, which is the northern shore of an unnamed tributary of Foster Creek, at latitude 32°59'16"N, longitude 79°57'11"W; thence easterly along the main shoreline, which is the northern shore of the unnamed tributaries of Foster Creek and Back River, back to the point of beginning at latitude 32°59'19"N longitude 79°56'52"W. The waters and associated marshes in this danger zone area are subject to impact by rounds and ricochets originating from a small arms range when firing is in progress.

(b) * * *

(1) Unauthorized personnel, vessels and other watercraft shall not enter the restricted areas described in paragraphs

(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(4) of this section at any time.

(2) Personnel, vessels and other watercraft entering the restricted area described in paragraph (a)(5) of this section, shall proceed at normal speed and under no circumstances anchor, fish, loiter, or photograph until clear of the restricted area.

(3) Personnel, vessels and other watercraft may be restricted from using any or all of the area described in paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(6) of this section without first obtaining an escort or other approval from Commander, Naval Base, Charleston, when deemed necessary and appropriately noticed by him/her for security purposes or other military operations.

(4) Personnel, vessels and other watercraft, other than those specifically authorized by Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, SC, entering the restricted area described in paragraph (a)(8) of this section shall proceed at normal speed, and under no circumstances anchor, fish, loiter, or photograph in any way until clear of the restricted area.

(5) Personnel, vessels and other watercraft, other than those specifically authorized by Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, SC, entering the areas described in paragraphs (a)(9) and (a)(10) of this section are prohibited from entering within one-hundred (100) yards of the west bank of the Cooper River, in those portions devoid of any vessels or man-made structures. In those areas where vessels or man-made structures are present, the restricted area will be 100 yards from the shoreline or 50 yards beyond those vessels or other man-made structures, whichever is the greater. This includes the area in paragraph (a)(10) of this section.

(6) In the interest of National Security, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, SC, may at his/her discretion, restrict passage of persons, watercraft and vessels in the areas described in paragraphs (a)(7) and (a)(11) of this section until such time as he/she determines such restriction may be terminated.

(7) All restricted areas and all danger zones and the approaches leading to the danger zones will be marked with suitable warning signs.

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(9) The regulations in this section for the danger zones described in paragraphs (a)(12) and (a)(13) of this section and the regulations described in paragraphs (b) (4), (5) and (6) of this section, shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons

Station Charleston, SC, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

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(11) The unauthorized entering or crossing of the danger zones described in paragraphs (a)(12) and (a)(13) of this section by all persons, watercraft and vessels is prohibited at all times unless specifically authorized by the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Weapons Station Charleston, SC.

Dated: December 2, 1996.

Russell L. Fuhrman,

Major General, U.S. Army, Director of Civil Works.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**41 CFR Part 301-1, 301-7, 301-8, 301-11, and 301-17**

[FTR Amdt. 53]

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Federal Travel Regulation; Repeal of the "Approved Accommodations" Data Collection and Employee Reporting Requirement

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to eliminate the "approved accommodations" data collection and reporting requirement. This rule implements section 1614 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Pub. L. No. 104-201, September 23, 1996). The rule is intended to reduce travel management costs by removing an unnecessary employee reporting requirement.

DATES: This final rule is effective September 23, 1996, and applies for travel (including travel incident to a change of official station) performed on or after September 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert A. Clauson, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-0299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1614 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 ("the Act") (Pub. L. 104-201, September 23, 1996) repealed the "approved accommodations" data collection and employee reporting requirement imposed by the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-391,

September 25, 1990). The Act did not, however, repeal the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act provisions that encourage agencies to promote the use of "approved accommodations" or require, with limited exception, the use of "approved accommodations" for conferences. Agencies, therefore, should continue to effectuate policies encouraging employees to use "approved accommodations."

The General Services Administration (GSA) has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993. This final rule is not required to be published in the Federal Register for notice and comment. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply. This rule also is exempt from Congressional review prescribed under 5 U.S.C. 801 since it relates solely to agency management and personnel.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Parts 301-1, 301-7, 301-8, 301-11, and 301-17

Government employees, Travel, Travel allowances, Travel and transportation expenses.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 41 CFR parts 301-1, 301-7, 301-8, 301-11, and 301-17 are amended to read as follows:

PART 301-1—APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES

1. The authority citation for part 301-1 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707; 31 U.S.C. 1353; and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

Subpart B—Official Government Business Travel

§ 301-1.101 [Amended]

2. Section 301-1.101 is amended by removing the third and fourth sentences of paragraph (b)(4).

Subpart C—Pre-Employment Interview Travel

§ 301-1.202 [Amended]

3. Section 301-1.202 is amended by removing the second and third sentences of paragraph (a)(5), and by removing the fourth and fifth sentences of paragraph (b)(6).

§ 301-1.205 [Amended]

4. Section 301-1.205 is amended by removing paragraph (e).

PART 301-7—PER DIEM ALLOWANCES

5. The authority citation for part 301-7 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

6. Section 301-7.2 is amended by removing the second sentence of paragraph (a)(4), and by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 301-7.2 Employee and agency responsibilities.

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(b) * * *

(2) *Fire safety responsibilities.* Each agency, as defined in § 301-17.2(a) of this chapter, is responsible for influencing its employees who require commercial lodging when performing official travel to stay at an approved accommodation as defined in § 301-17.2(c) of this chapter.

PART 301-8—REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES

7. The authority citation for part 301-8 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-8.5 [Amended]

8. Section 301-8.5 is amended by removing the second sentence of paragraph (a)(4).

PART 301-11—CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

9. The authority citation for part 301-11 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-11.2 [Amended]

10. Section 301-11.2 is amended by removing and reserving paragraph (b).

PART 301-17—AGENCY TRAVEL DATA REQUIREMENTS

11. The authority citation for part 301-17 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-17.2 [Amended]

12. Section 301-17.2 is amended by removing paragraph (d), and by redesignating paragraphs (e) and (f) as paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively.

§ 301-17.3 and 301-17.4 [Removed]

13. Sections 301-17.3 and 301-17.4 are removed.

David J. Barram,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

45 CFR Part 801

RIN 3206-AH69

Voting Rights Program

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to a request from the Attorney General, received by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) on December 5, 1996, OPM is establishing two new offices for filing applications or complaints under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. The Attorney General has determined that this designation is necessary to enforce the voting guarantees of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution. This amendment establishes Jefferson County and Galveston County, Texas, as new offices for filing applications or complaints of complaints.

DATES: This rule is effective December 9, 1996. In view of the need for its publication without an opportunity for prior comment, comments will still be considered. To be timely, comments must be received on or before January 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Barbara Matthews-Beck, Attorney, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7F10, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Matthews-Beck, (202) 606-1700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Attorney General has designated Jefferson County and Galveston County as additional examination points under the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. She determined on December 5, 1996, that this designation is necessary to enforce the guarantees of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution. Accordingly, pursuant to section 6 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1973d, OPM will appoint Federal Examiners to review the qualifications of applicants to be registered to vote and Federal observers to observe local elections.

Under section 553(b)(3)(B) of title 5 of the United States Code, the Director finds that good cause exists for waiving the general notice of proposed rulemaking. The notice is being waived because of OPM's legal responsibilities under 42 U.S.C. 1973e(a) and other parts