

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

of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, which require OPM to publish counties certified by the U.S. Attorney General and locations within these counties where citizens can be federally listed and become eligible to vote, and where Federal observers can be sent to observe local elections.

Under section 553(d)(3) of title 5 of the United States Code, the Director finds that good cause exists to make this amendment effective in less than 30 days. The regulation is being made effective immediately in view of the pending election to be held in the subject counties, where Federal observers will observe the election under the authority of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it adds two new locations to the list of counties in the regulations concerning OPM's responsibilities under the Voting Rights Act.

**List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 801**

Administrative practice and procedure, Voting Rights.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.  
Lorraine A. Green,  
*Deputy Director.*

Accordingly, OPM is amending 45 CFR Part 801 as follows:

**PART 801—VOTING RIGHTS PROGRAM**

1. The authority citation for Part 801 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1103; secs. 7, 9, 79 Stat. 440, 411 (42 U.S.C. 1973e, 1973g).

2. Appendix A to Part 801 is amended by adding alphabetically Galveston and Jefferson Counties of Texas to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 801**

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Dates, Times, and Places for Filing  
\* \* \* \* \*

Texas

*County; Place for filing; Beginning date*

\* \* \* \* \*  
Galveston; 5914 Seawall Boulevard,  
Galveston, Texas 77551, (409) 740-1261;  
December 9, 1996.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Jefferson; 1610 I-10 South, Beaumont,  
Texas 77707, (409) 842-0037; December 9,  
1996.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 96-135; RM-8825]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Mena, AR**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document allots Channel 287C3 to Mena, Arkansas, as that community's third local FM transmission service, in response to a petition filed by Wendell Harlan. See 61 FR 34406, July 2, 1996. Coordinates used for Channel 287C3 at Mena, Arkansas, are North Latitude 34-38-46 and West Longitude 94-16-53. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective January 21, 1997. The window period for filing applications for Channel 287C3 at Mena, Arkansas, will open on January 21, 1997, and close on February 21, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180. Questions related to the window application filing process for Channel 287C3 at Mena, Arkansas, should be addressed to the Audio Services Division, (202) 418-2700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 96-135, adopted November 1, 1996, and released November 8, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, located at 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 246, or 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 73—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

**§ 73.202 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Arkansas, is amended by adding Channel 287C3 at Mena.

Federal Communications Commission  
John A. Karousos,

*Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 648**

[Docket No. 951116270-5308-02; I.D. 100296]

**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Adjustments to the 1996 North Carolina State Quota**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Commercial quota adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces an adjustment to the commercial quota for the North Carolina 1996 summer flounder fishery. This action complies with regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for the Summer Flounder Fishery (FMP), which require that annual quota overages landed in any state be deducted from that state's quota for the following year. The public is advised that a quota adjustment has been made and is informed of the revised quota for the State of North Carolina.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 5, 1996, through December 31, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lucy Helvenston, 508-281-9347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations implementing Amendment 2 to the FMP are found at 50 CFR part 648 subparts A and G. The regulations require annual specification of a commercial quota that is apportioned among the Atlantic coastal states from North Carolina through Maine. The process to set the annual commercial quota and the percentage allocated to each state are described in § 648.100. The commercial summer flounder quota for the 1996 calendar year, adopted to ensure achievement of the appropriate fishing mortality rate of 0.41 for 1996, was set to equal 11,111,298 lb (5.0 million kg) (January 4, 1996, 61 FR 291). The notification of a commercial quota