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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AH20

#### Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Ocean, NJ, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to abolish the Ocean, NJ, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and redefine Ocean County as an area of application to the Burlington, NJ, NAF wage area for pay-setting purposes. No employee's wage rate will be reduced as a result of this change.

**DATES:** This interim rule becomes effective on November 1, 1995. Comments must be received by December 1, 1995. Employees currently paid rates from the Ocean, NJ, NAF wage schedule will continue to be paid from that schedule until their conversion to the Burlington, NJ, NAF wage schedule on the effective date of the new Burlington, NJ, wage schedule, December 30, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Policy, Human Resources Systems Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 6H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, or FAX: (202) 606-0824.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Shields, (202) 606-2848.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Defense (DOD) recommended to the Office of Personnel Management that the Ocean, NJ, FWS NAF wage area (a one-county area) be

abolished and that Ocean County be added as an area of application to the Burlington, NJ, NAF wage area. This change is necessary because with the downsizing of DOD activities, there are now only 20 NAF FWS employees in the Ocean wage area.

As required in regulation, 5 CFR 532.219, the following criteria were considered in redefining these wage areas:

- (1) Proximity of largest activity in each county;
- (2) Transportation facilities and commuting patterns; and
- (3) Similarities of the counties in:
  - (i) Overall population;
  - (ii) Private employment in major-industry categories; and
  - (iii) Kinds and sizes of private industrial establishments.

Both proximity and similarities in population, private sector employment, and industry patterns favor redefinition of Ocean County to the Burlington, NJ, wage area.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee reviewed this recommendation and by consensus recommended approval.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), I find that good cause exists for waiving the general notice of proposed rulemaking. Also, pursuant to section 553(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code, I find that good cause exists for making this rule effective in less than 30 days. The notice is being waived and the regulation is being made effective in less than 30 days because preparations for the 1995 Ocean, NJ, NAF wage area survey must otherwise begin immediately.

#### 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 B to Subpart B of Part 532 [Amended]

2. In appendix B to subpart B, the listing for the State of New Jersey is amended by removing the entry for Ocean.

3. Appendix D to subpart B is amended by removing the wage area list for Ocean, New Jersey, and by revising the list for Burlington, New Jersey, to read as follows:

Appendix D to Subpart B of Part 532—  
Nonappropriated Fund Wage and  
Survey Areas

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New Jersey

Burlington

*Survey Area*

New Jersey:

Burlington

*Area of Application. Survey Area Plus:*

New Jersey:

Atlantic Ocean

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### 7 CFR Part 1767

RIN 0572-AA23

#### Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric Borrowers

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) regulations on accounting policies and procedures for RUS electric borrowers as set forth in RUS's regulations concerning Accounting Requirements for RUS Electric Borrowers, Uniform System of Accounts. This final rule eliminates the requirement that RUS borrowers place the difference between the amount accrued for postretirement