# **Proposed Rules**

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AI01

Prevailing Rate Systems; Survey Order Month Change for Jefferson, New York, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area

**AGENCY: Office of Personnel** 

Management.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a proposed rule to change the survey order month beginning with the next full-scale survey for the Jefferson, NY, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System wage area from March to April. This change is expected to improve the survey data yield and to allow the Department of Defense to better balance its survey workload. DATES: Comments must be received by October 2, 1997. The survey order month change from March to April for the Jefferson NAF wage area would begin with the fiscal year 1998 full-scale survey.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Policy, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, or FAX: (202) 606–4264.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Graham Humes, (202) 606-2848. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Defense, the lead agency for the Jefferson NAF wage area, requested that beginning with the 1998 full-scale survey, the survey order month be changed from March to April. The 1996 full-scale survey was the initial survey in the Jefferson wage area and satisfied minimum survey adequacy requirements. This proposed change in survey order month would avoid the inclement March weather in the Jefferson NAF wage area and thereby is

expected to improve wage survey participation and data yield. In addition, the new survey month would allow the Department of Defense to better balance its survey workload by moving the Jefferson survey from a heavy workload month to a light workload month. The April survey order month would delay the Jefferson wage schedule effective date by only 1 month.

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

### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

I certify that these regulations would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they would 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.

James B. King,

Director.

Accordingly, OPM proposes to amend 5 CFR Part 532 as follows:

#### PART 532—PREVAILING 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 532— [Amended]

2. Appendix B to subpart B is amended for Jefferson, New York, by revising the beginning month of survey listing from March to April.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 97-NM-95-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777–200 Series Airplanes Equipped With Air Cruisers Evacuation Slide/Rafts

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 777-200 series airplanes. This proposal would require modifying the sliding surface of the door 1 left and door 1 right evacuation slide/rafts. This proposal is prompted by a report of injuries to evacuees using the slide/raft to exit the airplane; the evacuees were unable to achieve adequate initial sliding speed and adequate momentum to carry them expeditiously down the slide/raft. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent evacuee overload of the slide/rafts, and consequent impeded evacuation and injury to the evacuees.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM–103, Attention: Rules Docket No. 97–NM–95–AD, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055–4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Cashdollar, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office,