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Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of Personnel

Management.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The following Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations are scheduled for

development or review during the 6-month period following publication. This agenda carries out OPM's responsibilities to publish a semiannual agenda under Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6). This publication in the Federal Register does not impose a binding obligation on the Office of Personnel Management with regard to any specific item on the agenda. Regulatory action in addition to the items listed is not precluded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes the Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of this issue of the Federal Register. OPM's Statement of Regulatory Priorities is included in part II

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Proposed Rule Stage

3480. EMPLOYMENT IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301 to 3302; 5 USC 8151; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The revised regulations will make it easier for agencies to appoint persons in the excepted service, by allowing them to create better and more efficient employment procedures

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: ${
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3481. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REGULATIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 552 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 294 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing proposed regulations to revise the Agency's E-FOIA regulations. The revisions include incorporating the E-FOIA Act of 1996, the Agency reorganization of 2003 and to make plain language modifications.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/07	
Final Action	06/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3482. PRIVACY ACT REGULATIONS

 $\textbf{Priority:} \ \textbf{Substantive, Nonsignificant}$

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 297

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing proposed regulations to revise the Agency's Privacy Act regulations. The revisions include incorporating the Agency reorganization of 2003 and to make plain language modifications.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/07	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/07	
Final Action	12/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3483. ● TIME-IN GRADE RULE ELIMINATED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 5 USC

1104; 5 USC 3301 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 300 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The abolishment of the time-in-grade restriction on advancement to positions in the General Schedule would eliminate the 52-week service requirement for promotions. If the requirement is abolished, employees must continue to meet qualification requirements which may require certain lengths of experience.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AL18

3484. ● RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, AND PLACEMENT (GENERAL)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 101; 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 330

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to revise the rules on Federal vacancy announcements, reemployment priority list requirements, positions restricted to preference eligibles, time after competitive appointment, the Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP), and the Interagency CTAP. The proposed rules enhance the clarity of the regulations, memorialize certain longstanding OPM policies, remove expired statutory placement assistance programs, reorganize information for ease of reading, and revise certain placement assistance program provisions for consistency and program improvements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3485. ● RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION THROUGH COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 332

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to amend its regulations governing recruitment and selection through competitive examination primarily to clarify the distinction between objections, pass overs, and suitability determinations. OPM is also proposing to amend the definition section of this part to make the regulations more readable and to remove the section in this part dealing with filling certain postmaster positions because the information is obsolete.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3486. MERIT PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC

3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: In an effort to provide agencies with greater flexibility and to clarify existing flexibility, the Office of Personnel Management is proposing to revise the regulations covering merit promotion and internal placement. These regulations will provide a framework within which agencies may develop merit-based programs for internal selections.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3487. ● QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (GENERAL)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301 to 3302;

5 USC 3304

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 338 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This is part of OPM's attempt to review and revise regulations for clarity, and to include website address of where qualification standards maybe reviewed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3488. OTHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (PART-TIME, SEASONAL, AND INTERMITTENT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 340; 5 CFR 110

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These proposed regulations will grant agencies and employees more flexibility by clarifying agency authority to schedule part-time employees on a pay period, rather than weekly basis; defines job sharing; and modifies seasonal employment, and includes plain language changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/07	
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3489. • REPRESENTATIVE RATE; ORDER OF RELEASE FROM COMPETITIVE LEVEL; ASSIGNMENT RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3502(a) CFR Citation: 5 USC 351 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations clarify representative rate as used in OPM's retention regulations. Specifically, these regulations clarify how an Agency determines employees' retention rights when the Agency has positions in one or more pay bands. These regulations also clarify the order in which an Agency releases employees from a competitive level. Finally, these regulations clarify how an Agency determines employees' retention rights when a competitive area includes more than one local commuting area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3490. REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3582; 5 USC

3301; PL 103–296

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 352 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management proposes regulations to update provisions to conform to law allowing employees assigned to international organizations under certain conditions to maintain FERS and FICA retirement coverage, and to eliminate entitlement to an equalization allowance upon return to Federal service. The current regulations require updates because they are outdated.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: ${\operatorname{None}}$

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3491. ● MEDICAL QUALIFICATION DETERMINATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301 to 3302; 5 USC 3312(b); 5 USC 3318(b)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 339
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to amend its regulations governing medical qualifications determinations primarily to update references and language, add definitions, clarify coverage and applicability, and address the need for medical

testing/examination or medical documentation of an employee whose job has no physical standards or

physical requirements.

Timetable:

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 FR Cite

 NPRM
 03/00/07

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3492. TRAINING AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY DEVELOPMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 41 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 410 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management proposes to amend parts 410 and 412 to implement training and development requirements contained in the Workforce Flexibilities Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-411). The proposed amendment establishes an annual requirement for agencies to evaluate training programs and plans, and modify these programs and plans to accomplish agency performance plans and strategic goals; outlines an employee development continuum for supervisors, managers, and executives; provides a framework for agencies to develop a comprehensive management succession training program; and specifies specific training that agencies will provide to managers. This proposed amendment also removes language that is redundant or contradictory to the statutory change.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AK75

3493. CRITICAL POSITION PAY AUTHORITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5377 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 535 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management plans to issue proposed regulations with request for comments in 2007 to implement a provision of the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004 that shifts responsibility for the critical position pay authority from the Office of Management and Budget to the Office of Personnel Management.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No
Government Levels Affected: None

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3494. • NONFOREIGN AREA COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE RATES; PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5941 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is publishing a proposed regulation to change the cost-of-living allowance rates received by certain white-collar Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The

changes are the result of living-cost surveys conducted by OPM in 2005 and interim adjustments OPM calculated based on relative Consumer Price Index differences between the cost-of-living allowance areas and the Washington, DC, area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite	
NPRM	12/00/06		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Donald L. Paquin, Human Resources and Systems Service, Office of Compensation Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415 Phone: 202 606–2838

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3495. ● SUITABILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 7301; 5 USC 7701

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 731 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will propose to amend its regulations governing Federal employment suitability to authorize agencies to debar from employment for up to three years those found unsuitable, extend the suitability process to those applying for or who are in positions that can be noncompetitively converted to the competitive service, provide additional procedural protections for those found unsuitable for Federal employment, and clarify the scope of authority for the Merit Systems Protection Board to review actions taken under the regulations. OPM is also proposing changes to make the regulations more readable.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: $\ensuremath{\mathrm{No}}$

Government Levels Affected: None

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3496. RETIREMENT—COURT ORDERS AWARDING SURVIVOR ANNUITIES; CORRECTING OR SUPPLEMENTING THE FIRST ORDER DIVIDING **MARITAL PROPERTY**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 838 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would establish standards for determining which supplemental or correcting court orders are not "modifications" and the procedures applicable to such orders. They also provide for the continuation of the former spouse's survivor coverage and the reduction in the retiree's annuity until the State court decides the extent of the former spouse's rights to retirement benefits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AG28

3497. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (FEGLI) PROGRAM: **EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES TO ELECT COVERAGE, MISCELLANEOUS** CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS, AND PLAIN LANGUAGE REWRITE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8716 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations increase the opportunities for employees to elect coverage. They also include changes to FEGLI regulations that clarify procedures for signing and witnessing designations of beneficiary, accepting designations of beneficiary by facsimile, accepting DNA evidence to establish paternity, etc. They also change the time frame for electing optional insurance when first eligible from 31 days to 60 days and add information on basic insurance for certain Department of Defense employees under Public Law 106-398.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/27/00	65 FR 64530
NPRM	12/00/06	
Final Action	12/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected: None**

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3498. ● FEDERAL EMPLOYEES **HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS CLARIFICATIONS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8902 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule would amend several provisions of the regulations implementing the FEHBP health care provider administrative sanctions statute in order to (a) clarify language that has been subject to misinterpretation by persons to whom the regulation applies and (b) improve procedural efficiency of OPM's administrative sanctions operations, without affecting the rights of any individual subject to the regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/07	-

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3499. PROCEDURES FOR STATES AND LOCALITIES TO REQUEST INDEMNIFICATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: Title VIII; PL 99–169;

5 USC 9101

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 911 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a plain language rewrite of the regulation. The revised regulation will also revise the part to comply with 5 U.S.C. 9101 (Pub. L. 99-169), as amended.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Mark Pekrul, Federal

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3500. ● OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE ON NONPROCUREMENT SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT OF COMMON RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: OMB Controller's April 4, 2006 Memorandum; 2 CFR

180.35

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 919

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory action will implement OMB's instructions on replacing agency-specific issuances of the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment Common Rule with a brief part in 2 CFR Chapter 17, indicating that OPM is adopting the guidance OMB issued as 2 CFR part 180 on August 31, 2005, and providing OPM guidance to supplement the OMB guidance

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/06	
Final Action	02/00/07	
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3501. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE BROADBANDING SYSTEMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined
Legal Authority: 5 USC 9509(b)
CFR Citation: 5 CFR 9501
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations to revise the criteria for Internal Revenue Service (IRS) broadbanding systems. The proposed regulations would provide the Department of the Treasury with the flexibility, in coordination with OPM, to establish broader pay bands for covered IRS employees. The proposed regulations also would establish a more direct relationship between pay and

performance. Finally, the proposed regulations would revise the criteria consistent with the changes in the General Schedule pay administration rules made by the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004 and OPM implementing regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite	
NPRM	12/00/06		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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3502. VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 2108 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 211 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is revising its regulation regarding veterans' preference in response to a statutory change to clarify language in title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) paragraph 2108. The purpose of this change is to clarify that military reservist, who are released from active duty and otherwise qualified, are eligible for veterans' preference in Federal hiring.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/09/06	71 FR 33375
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Scott A. Wilander,

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3503. HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN AGENCIES

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: PL 107–296 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 250 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations to: Make subpart A of 5 CFR 250 more readable; and Implement the requirement in Public Law 107—296, section 1304 for OPM to design a set of systems and metrics for assessing human capital management by Federal agencies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/23/06	71 FR 29593
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

URL For More Information:

http://www.opm.gov/ strategic management

of human capital /index.asp

URL For Public Comments:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=

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3504. CHANGES IN PAY ADMINISTRATION RULES FOR GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: Section 301 of PL 108–411; 5 USC 3596; 5 USC 5304 to

5305; ...

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 294; 5 CFR 359; 5 CFR 362; 5 CFR 451; ...

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing final regulations to implement a provision of the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004 that amends the rules governing pay setting for employees covered by the General Schedule. In particular, we are revising provisions related to special rates, locality rates, and retained rates. The statutory and regulatory changes are designed to correct a variety of pay administration anomalies that resulted in unfair pay reductions or unwarranted pay increases, to allow locality rates and special rates to be treated in similar ways, and to improve the operation of the special rates program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/31/05	70 FR 31278
Correction	12/19/05	70 FR 74995
Final Action	06/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3505. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION LANGUAGE FOR VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301 to 3302; 5 USC 3304(f); 5 USC 3327; ...

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 302; 5 CFR 317; 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 335

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is publishing interim regulations requiring a reasonable accommodation statement in agency vacancy announcements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/11/01	66 FR 63905
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/10/02	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	02/11/02	
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3506. ● SES PERFORMANCE PAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is

undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5307 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 430 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Final regulations will replace interim regulations published in 2004, updating and finalizing the regulations based on lessons learned from 2 years of certifying agency SES and SL/ST performance management systems.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/29/04	69 FR 45548
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	08/30/04	
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/30/04	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: ${
m No}$

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AL20

3507. AWARDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 4506 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 450, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations at 5 CFR 450, subpart C (new), implement provisions of Public Law 107-67 (5 U.S.C. 4507a) that extend eligibility for Presidential Rank Awards to certain senior level employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/13/02	67 FR 52595
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/12/02	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: ${
m No}$ Government Levels Affected: ${
m None}$

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3508. ● AWARDS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 4302; 5 USC 4501; 5 USC 4503; 5 USC 4506

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 451 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing final regulations regarding the employee awards program. These revisions clarify that performance-based cash awards are granted on the basis of a rating of record of "fully successful" or equivalent or higher. In addition, performance-based cash awards programs, as designed and applied, must make meaningful distinctions based on levels of performance. The

proposed changes are designed to ensure that better performers receive greater recognition.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/21/06	71 FR 35561
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3509. CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE GENERAL SCHEDULE

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5112

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 511, subpart F; 5 CFR 511, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The general schedule classification regulations require updating to reflect current organizational nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	04/29/05	
Direct Final Rule	06/30/06	71 FR 37489
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3510. RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND RETENTION INCENTIVES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5307; 5 USC

5753 to 5754

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 575

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing final regulations to implement a provision of the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004 that provides agencies with the authority to pay recruitment, relocation, and retention incentives to employees. The new authorities will provide agencies with additional flexibility to help recruit and retain employees and better meet agency strategic human capital needs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/13/05	70 FR 25732
Correction	12/19/05	70 FR 74995
Final Action	06/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3511. JOB GRADING REVIEWS AND APPEALS OF FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5346

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The job grading reviews and appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organizational nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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3512. ALLOTMENTS FROM FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5527; EO 10982; 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp, p. 263

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations on the use of OPM's allotment authority to allow for salary reductions made as part of a flexible benefits plan.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Brenda Roberts, Human Resources Systems Service, Office of Compensation Policy, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415

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3513. PAY ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL)

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5550b CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to implement a provision of the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004, which establishes a new form of compensatory time off for time spent by an employee in a travel status away from the employee's official duty station when such time is not otherwise compensable.

Timetable:

 Action
 Date
 FR
 Cite

 Interim Final Rule
 01/27/05
 70 FR 3855

 Final Action
 06/00/07

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3514. ● LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS AND EVACUATION PAYMENTS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5115; 5 USC

5307; 5 USC 5338

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 550

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing interim regulations concerning pay actions for employees affected by a pandemic health crisis. The interim regulations clarify the rules for determining an employee's official worksite when he or she teleworks from an alternative worksite during an emergency situation, such as a pandemic health crisis. In addition, the interim regulations permit an agency to provide evacuation payments to an employee who is ordered to evacuate from his or her regular worksite and directed to work from home during a pandemic health crisis. These regulations are being issued as part of OPM's efforts to provide agencies with guidance to ensure they are able to fulfill their critical missions while at the same time protect their employees should a pandemic influenza outbreak occur.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/17/06	71 FR 47692
Interim Final Rule Effective	09/18/06	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	10/16/06	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3515. PAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 29 USC 201 et seq

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 551 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) proposes to revise the regulations issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, to update and harmonize OPM's regulations with revisions made to the Department of Labor's regulations (29 CFR part 541) on the same issue. These regulations apply to all employees in agencies who are under OPM's jurisdiction for FLSA purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/25/06	71 FR 30301
Final Action	02/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3516. REEMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN RETIREES TO MEET EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8344; 5 USC

8468

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 553 **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations to amend the criteria under

which OPM may grant dual compensation (salary offset) waivers on a case-by-case basis, or delegate waiver authority to agencies. This amendment clarifies that OPM may grant or delegate to agencies the authority to grant such waivers in situations resulting from emergencies posing an immediate and direct threat to life or property or situations resulting from unusual circumstances that do not involve an emergency. The proposed changes will make it easier for agencies to reemploy needed individuals when faced with unusual circumstances. In addition, we are proposing to amend the section headings to avoid redundancy. This amendment is also removing information concerning military employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/21/06	71 FR 41376
NPRM Comment Period End	09/19/06	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3517. ● ALLOWANCES AND DIFFERENTIALS

Priority: Other Significant
Legal Authority: 5 USC 5903
CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations to increase the maximum annual uniform allowance rate. When civilian Federal employees are required to wear a uniform in the performance of their duties agencies must pay a uniform allowance or furnish a

uniform. OPM is proposing to increase the maximum annual uniform allowance rate from \$400 to \$500.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/30/06	71 FR 37507
Final Action	06/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3518. IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE II OF THE NOTIFICATION AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION ACT OF 2002— REPORTING AND BEST PRACTICES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 107–174, sec 204; Presidential Memorandum dated July 8,

2003

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 724 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management will issue regulations that will implement title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002. The Act requires that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws. The regulations will clarify Federal agency reporting requirements under the Act and address agency best practices regarding appropriate disciplinary actions against employees who violate antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/25/06	71 FR 4053
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3519. NATIONAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7312; 50 USC 403; EO

10450; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 732 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Certain policies and procedures enunciated in other formats are being considered for publication in the CFR. Additionally, the Office of Personnel Management is issuing revised regulations with the intent that they further enhance the readability of the existing regulatory language, codify existing policies and reflect several issues that arose in recent years.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Interim Final Rule Effective Date	10/17/94	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Reguired: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3520. INVESTIGATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 93-579; 5 USC

552a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 736 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Certain policies and procedures previously enunciated in

other formats are being considered for publication in the CFR. Additionally, the Office of Personnel Management is issuing revised regulations with the intent that they further enhance the readability of the existing regulatory language and codify existing policies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Begin Review	10/01/93	
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3521. RETIREMENT; COVERAGE— NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 841 to 844; 5 CFR 847

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,

August 9, 1996.

Abstract: These regulations implement the provisions of Public Law 104-106 and Public Law 107-107, which allow employees who have been employed by nonappropriated fund instrumentalities under the jurisdiction of the armed forces to obtain retirement credit under limited circumstances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/09/96	61 FR 41714
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH57

3522. RETIREMENT—STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8345; 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461; 5 USC 8469

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart S; 5 CFR 841, subpart J

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations modify existing regulations to reflect changes designed to expand and streamline the process of withholding State income tax from CSRS and FERS annuities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/23/99	64 FR 33429
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3523. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8361(g); PL 105–33, sec 11202(f); PL 105–33, 11232(e); PL 105–33, 11246(b); PL 106–522, sec 145

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement provisions of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, which requires that nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia Courts, and under certain conditions, the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee, and the

District of Columbia Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Probation and Offender Supervision Trustee and their respective employees be considered Federal employees for purposes of Federal retirement, health, and life insurance coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/97	62 FR 50995
Interim Final Rule	12/01/97	
Comment Period		
End		
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3524. RETIREMENT, HEALTH, AND LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UNDER THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND JUSTICE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1998

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-274

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5

CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These interim regulations implement the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act of 1998. The effect of these regulations is to extend Federal retirement, health insurance, and life insurance coverage to employees of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia under section 7 of the Act. and to exclude certain former employees of the District of Columbia, who are hired by the Department of Justice or by the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, from Federal retirement coverage if they elect, under section 3 of the Act, to continue their coverage under a retirement system for employees of the District of Columbia.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/31/99	64 FR 15286
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	06/29/99	
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3525. CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE BENEFITS FOR FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** Sec 1622(b), PL

104-106, 110 Stat 515

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842;

5 CFR 870; 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations describe conditions and procedures applicable to continuation of eligibility for certain Civil Service benefits for former Federal employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/03/02	67 FR 38210
NPRM Comment Period End	08/02/02	
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3526. CORRECTION OF RETIREMENT COVERAGE ERRORS UNDER THE FEDERAL ERRONEOUS RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTION ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: PL 106–265 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 839 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is amending its regulations to include new rules for correcting certain retirement coverage errors. We are amending the regulations to implement the provisions of the Federal Erroneous Retirement Coverage Corrections Act (FERCCA), title II of Public Law 106-265. The regulations will allow agencies to correct affected coverage errors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/19/01	66 FR 15605
Interim Final Rule Effective	03/19/01	
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3527. RETIREMENT—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 841

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would allow an agency to retain the individual retirement record when an employee transfers within the same agency even though the employee would be serviced by another intra-agency payroll.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/20/00	65 FR 21119
Interim Final Rule Effective	04/20/00	
Final Action	03/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3528. RETIREMENT—FERS BASIC ANNUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842, subparts B

to G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These final regulations will amend FERS Basic Annuity regulations governing Eligibility (subpart B), Credit for Service (subpart C), Computations (subpart F), and Alternative Forms of Annuity (subpart G). These regulations have been published at various times in interim final form, and have been affected by statutory changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2061
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2067
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4473
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4479
Interim Final Rule	05/14/87	52 FR 18193
Interim Final Rule	04/08/88	53 FR 11635
Interim Final Rule	02/09/90	55 FR 4598
Final Rule	12/27/90	55 FR 53136
Interim Final Rule	02/19/91	56 FR 6549
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3529. RETIREMENT—CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC

8461(g); 38 USC 4331

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842.306; 5 CFR

842.307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement changes in the treatment of certain military service under CSRS and FERS required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3530. RETIREMENT COVERAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8461(g) CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing this interim rule to revise the regulations governing the retirement coverage of air traffic controllers under the Federal Employees' Retirement System. These rules are necessary because of the recent enactment of new statutory provisions relating to the retirement definition of air traffic controllers. These rules also implement the deposit requirement for crediting past service as a second-level supervisor of air traffic controllers for retirement purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/06/05	70 FR 32709
Final Action	03/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3531. RETIREMENT—CREDIT FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT SERVICE PERFORMED ABROAD

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 107-228, sec 321

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 321 of Public Law 107-228 requires OPM to issue regulations that will establish a process for making FERS retirement deposits by certain employees who performed service abroad. The regulations also provide a process for agencies to follow in making agency contributions payable to the retirement fund for such service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/29/05	70 FR 50951
Interim Final Rule Effective	08/29/05	
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3532. RETIREMENT—FERS ELECTIONS OF COVERAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC

8461(g); PL 99–335, sec 301(d)(3)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 846 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement title III of the Federal Employees

Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986, as amended, dealing with the election of FERS coverage by employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and certain other employees. The regulations contain regulatory and interpretative rules concerning employees' eligibility to elect FERS coverage, procedures for electing FERS coverage, and basic benefits based on the service for employees who elect FERS coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/21/87	52 FR 19235
Interim Final Rule	09/13/93	58 FR 47821
Interim Final Rule	06/18/98	63 FR 33231
Final Action	09/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3533. RETIREMENT COVERAGE AND SERVICE CREDIT ELECTIONS AVAILABLE TO CURRENT AND FORMER NONAPPROPRIATED FUND EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461; PL 107–107, sec 1131; PL

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 847, subpart H; 5 CFR 847, subpart I

Legal Deadline: None

107-107, sec 1132

Abstract: These regulations amend the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) regulations to allow limited credit under CSRS and FERS for service performed for a Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) of the Department of Defense or Coast Guard. Specifically, these regulations outline how CSRS and FERS employees may obtain limited service credit for their NAFI service in order to qualify for immediate retirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective	12/28/01	
Interim Final Rule	01/16/03	68 FR 2175
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AJ72

3534. FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM: MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, AND CLARIFICATIONS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 9008 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 875 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations to amend the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) regulations. The proposed regulations will make miscellaneous changes, corrections, and clarifications to the FLTCIP regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/14/06	71 FR 19459
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3535. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHB) PROGRAM: PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PERIODS OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OR INSUFFICIENT PAY

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations establish a requirement that Federal agencies counsel employees entering nonpay status, or whose pay is insufficient to cover their FEHB premium payments, of the options of continuing or terminating their FEHB coverage, and if continuing, of paying premiums directly on a current basis or incurring a debt to be withheld from future salary. These regulations are intended to ensure employees are fully aware of these alternatives. We have received comments on the interim final rule, which are under review.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/22/96	61 FR 37807
NPRM	06/16/06	71 FR 34849
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3536. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHB) PROGRAM: WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED COVERAGE DURING RETIREMENT

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under 5 U.S.C. 8905(b), OPM may waive the eligibility requirements for health benefits coverage as an annuitant for an individual when, in its sole discretion, it determines that it would be against equity and good

conscience not to allow a person to be enrolled in the FEHB Program as an annuitant. Under 5 CFR 890.108, an individual's failure to satisfy eligibility requirements must be due to exceptional circumstances. 5 CFR 890.108 also lists specific situations where a waiver will not be granted by OPM such as when an individual's retirement is based on a disability or an involuntary separation, or when an individual was misadvised by his/her employing office. This interim regulation eliminates these specific situations from 5 CFR 890.108 to provide more flexibility to the waiver process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/07/06	71 FR 44592
NPRM Comment Period End	10/06/06	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3537. SUSPENSION OF PEACE CORPS ELIGIBLES' ENROLLMENT IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHB) PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant
Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913
CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890
Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim regulation to allow Peace Corps eligible FEHB Program annuitants, survivors, and former spouses to suspend their FEHB enrollments, and then return to the FEHB Program during the Open Season, or return to FEHB coverage immediately, if they involuntarily lose coverage under the Peace Corps. The intent of this rule is to allow these beneficiaries to avoid the expense of continuing to pay FEHB Program premiums while they are using Peace Corps coverage, without endangering

their ability to return to the FEHB Program in the future.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/30/05	70 FR 71749
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3538. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM:

DISCONTINUANCE OF HEALTH PLAN
IN AN EMERGENCY

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a proposed rule to amend the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) regulations regarding discontinuance of a health plan to include situations in which a health plan becomes incapacitated, either temporarily or permanently, as the result of a disaster.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/07/06	71 FR 11287
NPRM Comment Period End	05/08/06	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3539. FEHB COVERAGE AND PREMIUMS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim regulation to change the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Program regulations that govern continued coverage for employees who are called or ordered to serve in the uniformed services. These regulations provide extended FEHB coverage for up to 24 months to Federal employees called or ordered to active duty and who meet certain requirements, including serving in support of a contingency operation. Those employees who are called or ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation are also eligible for premium payments by their employing agency. The purpose of these regulations is to authorize Federal agencies to continue health benefits coverage for those employees called or ordered to active duty for up to 24 months, with certain employees qualifying for agency premium contributions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3540. IMPLEMENTATION OF FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH FEDERAL **EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE** FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH **BENEFITS PROGRAM**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 26 USC 125; 26 USC

129; 26 USC 152

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 892 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management plans to issue regulations that enable employees of all executive branch agencies to elect a Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA) and/or a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (DCFSA) in accordance with sections 125, 129, and 152 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected: None**

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3541. FEDERAL EMPLOYEE DENTAL AND VISION BENEFITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8962; 5 USC

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 894 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to implement the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004. This law establishes dental and vision benefits programs for Federal employees, annuitants, and their families.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/06	
Final Action	12/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No.

Government Levels Affected: None

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3542. PROGRAMS FOR SPECIFIC **POSITIONS AND EXAMINATIONS** (MISCELLANEOUS)

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1104(a)(2); 5 USC 1305; 5 USC 3105; 5 USC 3323(b); 5 USC 3344; 5 USC 4301(2)(D); 5 USC 5372; 5 USC 7521; PL 79-404

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 930 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing proposed regulations to revise the Administrative Law Judge Program. The purpose of these revisions is to remove procedures that appear in other parts of this chapter, update outdated information, and remove the internal examining processes from the regulations. Additionally, these revisions describe OPM and agency responsibilities concerning the Administrative Law Judge Program. This proposed regulation continues the basic intent of making administrative law judges independent in matters of tenure and compensation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/21/05	70 FR 75745
NPRM Comment Period End	02/21/06	
Final Action	03/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3543. • SOLICITATION OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND UNIFORMED SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS—ELIGIBILITY AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: EO 12353; 47 FR

12785

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 950 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The OPM is issuing proposed changes in eligibility requirements and public accountability standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/29/06	71 FR 37003
NPRM Comment Period End	08/14/06	
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3544. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARDS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 CFR 960,

Memorandum of the President for

Heads of Departments and Agencies

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 960 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing regulations designed to make plain language updates, and general or routine modifications with no cost implications. These regulations also will clarify language based on modifications to OPM programs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/25/02	67 FR 70559
Final Action	12/00/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3545. GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 CFR 1 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 990 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to remove its regulation concerning the submission of claims by "preference eligibles" to OPM and the recognition of representatives by OPM. The existing regulation is now obsolete.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/27/03	68 FR 28806
Final Action	04/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Long-Term Actions

3546. AGENCY AUTHORITY TO TAKE PERSONNEL ACTIONS IN A NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC

3301 to 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 230 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing regulations pertaining to agency hiring flexibilities available during national emergency periods.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3547. ENTERPRISE HUMAN RESOURCE INTEGRATION (EHRI)

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 2951 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 293 Legal Deadline: None **Abstract:** To support the goals of EHRI, the Office of Personnel Management will make regulatory changes to allow the electronic processing, maintenance, and storage of Federal employee personnel files.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3548. RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION THROUGH COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301 to 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 332 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM is issuing an interim regulation to allow agencies to decide how candidates are referred for competitive appointment when agencies fill multiple vacancies simultaneously. We are codifying a long-standing practice (5 U.S.C. 3301 and 5 U.S.C. 3302) of providing agencies with the option of either certifying a candidate for only one vacancy at a time, or certifying a candidate simultaneously for all vacancies for which that candidate expresses an interest, is eligible, and is within reach.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/15/02	67 FR 7055
Interim Final Rule Effective	02/15/02	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	04/16/02	
Final Action	12/00/07	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Linda Watson, Division for Strategic Human Resources

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3549. REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5379 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 537 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management proposes to revise the rules implementing 5 U.S.C. 5379, which permits agencies to provide student loan repayment benefits to candidates for Federal jobs or current Federal employees when necessary to recruit and retain highly qualified personnel. Except as otherwise stated in the supplementary information, the purpose of the revisions is to make part 537 more readable.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/07	
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No.

Government Levels Affected: None

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3550. PAY ADMINISTRATION; AVAILABILITY PAY FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5545(h); 5 USC

5548

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These proposed regulations will clarify a number of issues relating to the administration of availability pay, a form of premium pay for criminal investigators who are required to work, or be available to work, substantial amounts of unscheduled overtime duty based on the needs of the employing agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/23/94	59 FR 66149
Second Interim Final Rule	01/29/99	64 FR 4517
NPRM	12/00/07	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Small Entities Affected: ${
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Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

Completed Actions

3551. OPM EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 1001

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/01/06	71 FR 43345
Final Action Effective	08/31/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3552. EXCEPTED SERVICE—NEW FREEDOM APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND CAREER AND CAREER—CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213

OPM Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite
Final Action 07/26/06 71 FR 42241
Final Action Effective 08/25/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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3553. EXCEPTED SERVICE—STUDENT PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 213

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite
Final Action 04/11/06 71 FR 18161
Final Action Effective 05/11/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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3554. PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT IN AGENCIES—EMPLOYEE SURVEYS

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 250

Completed:

ReasonDateFRCiteFinal Action08/24/0671 FR 49979Final Action Effective01/01/07

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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Related RIN: Related to 3206-AJ92

RIN: 3206–AK77

3555. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF EMPLOYEES BETWEEN FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 334

Completed:

 Reason
 Date
 FR Cite

 Final Action
 09/18/06
 71 FR 54565

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Required: No

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3556. SARA (SERVICE ACQUISITION REFORM ACT)

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 337

Completed:

 Reason
 Date
 FR Cite

 Final Action
 09/12/06
 71 FR 53545

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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3557. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM BASED FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM WAGE SURVEYS

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 532

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite
Final Action 06/20/06 71 FR 35373
Final Action Effective 07/20/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Mark Allen Phone: 202 606–2838 Fax: 202 606–4264 Email: maallen@opm.gov

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3558. SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

PAY

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 534

Completed:

 Reason
 Date
 FR
 Cite

 Final Action
 07/10/06
 71 FR 38753

Final Action Effective 07/10/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Jo Ann Perrini

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RIN: 3206-AL01

3559. NONFOREIGN AREA COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES; RATE CHANGES

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 591

Completed:

 Reason
 Date
 FR Cite

 Final Action
 08/02/06
 71 FR 43897

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Donald L. Paquin

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3560. NONFOREIGN AREA COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES: 2005 SURVEY RATE CHANGES

Priority: Routine and Frequent **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 591

Completed:

ReasonDateFR CiteWithdrawn08/23/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

OPM Completed Actions

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Donald L. Paquin

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Related RIN: Duplicate of 3206-AL12

RIN: 3206-AK97

3561. ABSENCE AND LEAVE

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 353; 5 CFR 530 to 531; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 575; 5 CFR

610; 5 CFR 630 Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/17/06	71 FR 47693

Final Action Effective 09/18/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AK61

3562. ABSENCE AND LEAVE—SES ANNUAL LEAVE

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 630

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/19/06	71 FR 61633
Final Action Effective	11/20/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AK72

3563. ABSENCE AND LEAVE— CREDITABLE SERVICE

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 630

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/18/06	71 FR 54567
Final Action Effective	10/18/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No
Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AK80

3564. ABSENCE AND LEAVE; USE OF RESTORED ANNUAL LEAVE

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 630

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	11/22/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Donald J. Winstead

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RIN: 3206-AK93

3565. IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE II OF THE NOTIFICATION AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION ACT OF 2002— JUDGMENT FUND

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 724

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/10/06	71 FR 27185

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Gary D. Wahlert

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RIN: 3206-AJ93

3566. IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE II OF THE NOTIFICATION AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION ACT OF 2002—

NOTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 724

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/20/06	71 FR 41095

Final Action Effective 09/18/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Gary D. Wahlert

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RIN: 3206–AK38

3567. NOTIFICATION OF POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 730

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Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/16/06	71 FR 13525
Final Action Effective	04/17/06	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Brenda Roberts

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3568. SUITABILITY

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 731

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
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3206-AL08		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Mark Pekrul

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3569. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 735

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 Reason
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 08/11/06 71 FR 46073

Final Action Effective 09/11/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3570. TRAINING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Other Significant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 890

Completed:

 Reason
 Date
 FR Cite

 Final Action
 06/16/06
 71 FR 28545

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AK46

3571. SOLICITATION OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND UNIFORMED SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 950

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Withdrawn 06/29/06

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Mark W. Lambert

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3572. NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 9901

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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