under the Act is binding on all administrative, certifying, payroll, disbursing, and accounting officials of agencies for which OPM administers the Act. Upon receipt of a decision, the agency employing the claimant during the claim period must take all necessary steps to comply with the decision, including adherence with compliance instructions provided with the decision. All compliance actions must be completed within the time specified in the decision, unless an extension of time is requested by the agency and granted by OPM. The agency should identify all similarly situated current and, to the extent possible, former employees, ensure that they are treated in a manner consistent with the decision, and inform them in writing of their right to file an FLSA claim with the agency or OPM.

§551.709 Availability of information.

(a) Except when the claimant has requested confidentiality, the agency and the claimant must provide to each other a copy of all information submitted with respect to the claim.

(b) When a claimant has not requested confidentiality, OPM will disclose to the parties concerned the information contained in an FLSA claim file. When a claimant has requested confidentiality, OPM will delete any information identifying the claimant before disclosing the information in an FLSA claim file to the parties concerned. For the purposes of this subpart, the parties concerned means the claimant, any representative designated in writing, and any representative of the agency or OPM involved in the proceeding.

(c) Except when the claimant has requested confidentiality or the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, OPM, upon a request which identifies the individual from whose file the information is sought, will disclose the following information from a claim file to a member of the public:

(1) Confirmation of the name of the individual from whose file the information is sought and the names of the other parties concerned;

- (2) The remedy sought;
- (3) The status of the claim;

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(4) The decision on the claim; and (5) With the consent of the parties concerned, other reasonably identified information from the file.

§551.710 Where to file an FLSA claim with OPM.

An FLSA claim must be filed with the OPM office serving the area where the cause or basis of the claim occurred. Following are OPM addresses and service areas.

OPM ATLANTA OVERSIGHT DIVISION

- 75 Spring Street SW., Suite 972, Atlanta, GA 30303-3109
- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia (except the Virginia locations listed under the Washington, DC Oversight Division)

OPM CHICAGO OVERSIGHT DIVISION

- 230 S. Dearborn Street, DPN 30-6, Chicago, IL 60604-1687
- llinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin

OPM DALLAS OVERSIGHT DIVISION

- 1100 Commerce Street, Room 4C22, Dallas, TX $75242{-}9968$
- Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wyoming

OPM PHILADELPHIA OVERSIGHT DIVISION

- 600 Arch Street, Room 3400, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1596
- Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland (except the Maryland locations listed under the Washington, DC Oversight Division), Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

OPM SAN FRANCISCO OVERSIGHT DIVISION

- 120 Howard Street, Room 760, San Francisco, CA 94105–0001
- Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Pacific Ocean Area

OPM WASHINGTON, DC OVERSIGHT DIVISION

1900 E Street NW., Room 7675, Washington, DC 20415-0001

The District of Columbia

- In Maryland: the counties of Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George's.
- In Virginia: the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and any overseas area not

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PART 553—REEMPLOYMENT OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RETIREES TO MEET EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOY-MENT NEEDS

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§553.101 Applicability.

This part applies to employment of civilian annuitants who would be subject to termination of annuity or annuity offset under 5 U.S.C. 8344 or 5 U.S.C. 8468. Agencies may request exceptions as provided in subpart B of this part from the reemployed annuitant provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8344 (for Civil Service Retirement System annuitants) or 8468 (for Federal Employees' Retirement System annuitants), as appropriate.

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§553.102 Definitions.

(a) *Agency*, as used in this part, means an executive agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105.

(b) Annuitant, as used in this part, refers to a current or former civilian employee who is receiving, or meets the legal requirements and is applying or has announced intention to apply for, an annuity under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, based on his or her service.

(c) Retiree, as used in this part refers to an annuitant as defined in paragraph (b) of this section.

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§553.103 General policy.

(a) Agency discretion and responsibility. The decision to request an exception, or to grant an exception under delegated authority, for any individual under any of the provisions of this part will be at the discretion of the employing agency. A determination made in connection with one position does not require a like determination in connection with any other position. In deciding whether to request an exception or grant an exception under delegated authority, each agency is expected to weigh fiscal responsibility and employee equity and should consider such factors as availability of funds as well as the criteria set out in this part.

(b) Application of exceptions. An exception to the salary offset provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8344 or 8468 authorized by OPM or an agency under this part applies only to the particular individual for whom it was authorized and only while that individual continues to serve in the same or a successor position. The exception terminates upon the individual's assignment to a different position unless a new exception is authorized under the provisions of this part.

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Subpart B—Special Provisions for Reemployment Without Penalty To Meet Exceptional Recruiting or Retention Needs

§ 553.201 Requesting OPM approval for reemployment without reduction in individual cases.

(a) Request by agency head. The head of an agency may request OPM to approve individual exceptions on a caseby-case basis to meet temporary emergency hiring needs or when the agency has encountered exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified candidate for a particular position. Authority to submit such a request may

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