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**Part XV**

## **Office of Personnel Management**

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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)**

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**5 CFR Ch. I**

**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.

This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes The Regulatory Plan, which appears in both the online Unified Agenda and in part II of the Federal Register that includes the Unified Agenda. The Office of Personnel

Management’s Statement of Regulatory Priorities is included in the Plan

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since the fall 2007 edition, the Internet is the basic means for disseminating the Unified Agenda. The complete Unified Agenda will be available online at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov), in a format that offers users a greatly enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database.

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**Office of Personnel Management—Final Rule Stage**

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**Office of Personnel Management (OPM)**

**Final Rule Stage**

**422. • NONFOREIGN AREA COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES; 2007 INTERIM ADJUSTMENTS: ALASKA AND PUERTO RICO (SECTION 610 REVIEW)**

**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5941

**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to change the cost-of-living allowance (COLA) rates received by certain white-collar Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau, Alaska, and in Puerto Rico. The proposed rate changes are the result of interim adjustments OPM

calculated based on relative Consumer Price Index differences between the COLA areas and the Washington, DC, area. The proposed regulations would reduce the COLA rates for Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau by 1 percentage point and would increase the rate for Puerto Rico by 1 percentage point.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/25/08	73 FR 50174
NPRM Comment Period End	10/24/08	
Final Action	04/00/09	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

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## Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

## Completed Actions

**423. VETERANS' PREFERENCE  
(COMPLETION OF A SECTION 610  
REVIEW)****Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing final regulations to implement a change to the definition of "active duty" contained in section 211.102(f) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations. We are making this change in response to a Merit System Protection Board (MSPB) decision that affects eligibility for

veterans' preference based on a service-connected disability. This action will conform OPM's regulations with MSPB's decision.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/27/07	72 FR 41215
Interim Final Rule Effective	07/27/07	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	09/25/07	
Final Action	10/29/08	73 FR 64179

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