Proposed Rules

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
5 CFR Part 532
RIN 3206–AN20

Prevailing Rate Systems; Definition of Hancock County, Mississippi, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a proposed rule that would define Hancock County, Mississippi, as an area of application county to the Harrison, MS, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. This change is necessary because there are four NAF FWS employees working in Hancock County, and the county is not currently defined to a NAF wage area.

DATES: We must receive comments on or before September 28, 2015.
ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “RIN 3206–AN20,” using any of the following methods:
Email: pay-leave-policy@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline Gonzalez, by telephone at (202) 606–2858 or by email at pay-leave-policy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM is issuing a proposed rule that would define Hancock County, MS, as an area of application to the Harrison, MS, NAF FWS wage area. The Navy Exchange and Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation in Hancock County is now operating NAF activities at the John C. Stennis Space Center, located in southwestern Mississippi, with a combined total of four NAF employees.

Under section 532.219 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, each NAF wage area “shall consist of one or more survey areas, along with nonsurvey areas, if any, having nonappropriated fund employees.” Hancock County does not meet the regulatory criteria under 5 CFR 532.219 to be established as a separate NAF wage area; however, nonsurvey counties may be combined with a survey area to form a wage area. Section 532.219 lists the regulatory criteria that OPM considers when defining FWS wage area boundaries:

• Proximity of largest facilities activity in each county;
• Transportation facilities and commuting patterns; and
• Similarities of the counties in:
  ○ Overall population,
  ○ Private employment in major industry categories, and
  ○ Kinds and sizes of private industrial establishments.

Based on an analysis of the regulatory criteria for defining NAF wage areas, Hancock County, MS, should be defined as an area of application to Harrison, MS, NAF FWS wage area. The proximity criterion favors the Harrison, MS, wage area more than the Orleans, LA, wage area. The transportation facilities criterion does not favor one wage area more than another. The commuting patterns criterion favors the Harrison wage area. Although the overall population, employment sizes, and kinds and sizes of private industrial establishments criterion does not favor one wage area more than another, the industrial distribution pattern for Hancock County is more similar to the Harrison survey area than to the Orleans survey area. While a standard review of regulatory criteria shows mixed results, the proximity and commuting patterns criteria solidly favor the Harrison wage area. Based on this analysis, we propose that Hancock County be defined to the Harrison NAF wage area.

The proposed expanded Harrison NAF wage area would consist of one survey county (Harrison County, MS) and four area of application counties (Mobile County, AL, and Forrest, Hancock, and Jackson Counties, MS). The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended this change by consensus. This change would be effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after 30 days following publication of the final regulations.

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.

Beth F. Cobert,
Acting Director.

Accordingly, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management is proposing to amend 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 D to Subpart B of Part 532—Nonappropriated Fund Wage and Survey Areas

2. Appendix D to subpart B is amended by revising the wage area listing for the Harrison, NAF wage areas to read as follows:

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Harrison
Survey Area

Mississippi:
Harrison
Area of Application. Survey area plus:
Alabama:
Mobile
Mississippi:
Forrest
Hancock
Jackson
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 20 and 61


RIN 3150–AI92

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule and draft NUREG; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 26, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested public comment on a proposed rule that would amend its regulations that govern low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) disposal facilities. The proposed rule would require new and revised site-specific technical analyses, permit the development of site-specific criteria for LLRW acceptance based on the results of those analyses, facilitate implementation, and better align the requirements with current health and safety standards. Also on March 26, 2015, the NRC requested comment on draft guidance to address the implementation of the proposed regulations (NUREG–2175, “Guidance for Conducting Technical Analyses for 10 CFR part 61”). The public comment period for the proposed rule and draft guidance closed on July 24, 2015. The NRC is reopening the public comment periods for the proposed rule and draft guidance to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.

DATES: The comment periods for the proposed rule published on March 26, 2015 (80 FR 16081), and the draft guidance published on March 26, 2015 (80 FR 15930), have been reopened.

ADDRESSES: The methods for submitting comments on the proposed rule are different from the methods for submitting comments on the draft guidance.

Proposed Rule: You may submit comments on the proposed rule by any of the following methods:

• Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415–1101.
• Email comments to: Mail comments to: Mail comments to: Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415–1101.
• Fax comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415–1101.

Draft Guidance: You may submit comments on the draft guidance by any of the following methods:

• Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–12–H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.
• Email comments to: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
• Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (Eastern Time) Federal workdays; telephone: (301) 415–1677.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions regarding this document, please contact the NRC’s Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2011–0012 (proposed rule) and Docket ID NRC–2015–0003 (draft guidance) when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to the proposed rule and draft guidance by any of the following methods:

• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, (301) 415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The draft guidance, NUREG–2175, is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15056A516.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2011–0012 (proposed rule) or Docket ID NRC–2015–0003 (draft guidance) in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at http://www.regulations.gov as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information. If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

On March 26, 2015 (80 FR 16081), the NRC requested comment on a proposed rule that would amend its regulations that govern LLRW disposal facilities to require new and revised site-specific technical analyses, to permit the development of site-specific criteria for LLRW acceptance based on the results of those analyses, to facilitate implementation, and to better align the requirements with current health and safety standards. Also on March 26, 2015 (80 FR 15930), the NRC requested comments on draft guidance to address the implementation of the proposed regulations (NUREG–2175, “Guidance for Conducting Technical Analyses for 10 CFR part 61”).