

Proposed Rules

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AJ23

Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition
of the Los Angeles, CA, Appropriated
Fund Wage Area

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel
Management (OPM) is issuing a
proposed rule to remove Inyo County,
CA, from the Los Angeles, CA,
appropriated fund Federal Wage System
(FWS) wage area. The county, excluding
the China Lake Naval Weapons Center
portion, would be defined to the Las
Vegas, NV, FWS wage area. This change
would reflect the regulatory criteria we
use to define FWS wage areas more
accurately. It would affect FWS
employees at Death Valley National
Park by placing them on a higher wage
schedule.

DATES: We must receive comments by
September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments
to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant
Director for Compensation
Administration, Workforce
Compensation and Performance Service,
Office of Personnel Management, Room
7H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington,
DC 20415-8200, or FAX: (202) 606-
4264.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jennifer Hopkins at (202) 606-2848;
FAX at (202) 606-0824; or email at
jdhopkin@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Office of Personnel Management
(OPM) is proposing to move Inyo
County, California, from the Los
Angeles, CA, appropriated fund Federal
Wage System (FWS) wage area to the
Las Vegas, NV, FWS wage area. The
county is currently an area of

application county in the Los Angeles
wage area. China Lake Naval Weapons
Center is located in Inyo, Kern, and San
Bernardino Counties, CA. China Lake
Naval Weapons Center would remain a
part of the Los Angeles FWS wage area
so that the installation would continue
to be defined to a single wage area. The
regulatory criteria we use to define FWS
wage areas indicate that the main
employment locations for FWS
employees at China Lake are properly
defined to the Los Angeles wage area.
We would place the rest of Inyo County
in the Las Vegas FWS wage area. The
Las Vegas wage area currently consists
of two survey counties, Clark and Nye
Counties, NV, and three area of
application counties, Esmeralda and
Lincoln Counties, NV, and Mohave
County, AZ.

OPM considers the following
regulatory criteria under 5 CFR 532.211
when defining FWS wage area
boundaries:

- (i) Distance, transportation facilities,
and geographic features;
- (ii) Commuting patterns; and
- (iii) Similarities in overall population
employment, and the kinds and sizes of
private industrial establishments.

Based on our analysis of the
regulatory criteria for defining
appropriated fund FWS wage areas, we
find that Inyo County should be part of
the Las Vegas wage area. The distance
criterion is the major factor in our
determination. The county is much
closer to the Las Vegas wage area than
to the Los Angeles wage area. Inyo
County is approximately 194 km (120
miles) from Las Vegas. The county is
approximately 203 km (126 miles) from
Nellis Air Force Base, the Las Vegas
wage area's host installation. We
studied the other criteria, but they did
not favor one wage area more than
another. The Las Vegas, NV, FWS wage
area would consist of two survey
counties, Clark and Nye Counties, NV,
and four area of application counties,
Esmeralda and Lincoln Counties, NV,
Mohave County, AZ, and Inyo County,
CA.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory
Committee (FPRAC), the national labor-
management committee that advises
OPM on FWS pay matters, reviewed and
concurred by consensus with this
change. Based on its review of the
regulatory criteria for defining FWS
wage areas, FPRAC recommended no

other changes in the geographic
definition of the Los Angeles FWS wage
area.

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.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

Accordingly, the Office of Personnel
Management proposes 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.

2. In appendix C to subpart B, the
wage area listing for the State of
California is amended by revising the
listing for Los Angeles; and for the State
of Nevada, by revising the listing for Las
Vegas, to read as follows:

Appendix C to Subpart B of Part 532—
Appropriated Fund Wage and Survey
Areas

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California

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Los Angeles

Survey Area

California:

Los Angeles

Area of Application. Survey area plus:

California:

- Inyo (Includes the China Lake Naval
Weapons Center portion only)
- Kern (Includes the China Lake Naval
Weapons Center, Edwards Air Force
Base, and portions occupied by Federal
activities at Boron (City) only)
- Orange
- Riverside (Includes the Joshua Tree
National Monument portion only)
- San Bernardino (All of San Bernardino
County except that portion occupied by,
and south and west of, the Angeles and
San Bernardino National Forests)

Ventura
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Nevada

Las Vegas

Survey Area

Nevada:
Clark
Nye

Area of Application. Survey area plus:

Nevada:
Esmeralda
Lincoln
Arizona:
Mohave
California:
Inyo (Excludes the China Lake Naval
Weapons Center portion only)

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

8 CFR Parts 103, 214, 248, and 264

[INS No. 2059-00]

RIN 1115-AF29

Procedures for Processing Temporarily Agricultural Worker (H- 2A) Petitions by the Secretary of Labor

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 13, 2000, at 65 FR 43535, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register**, to amend its regulations regarding the temporary agricultural worker (H-2A) program. The proposed rule requires alien workers to sign a petition request for change of status or extension of stay; provides that all petition requests including extension of stay and change of status petitions must be filed with the Department of Labor (DOL); and provides that the current Service petition fee will be collected by DOL as a part of a combined fee. To ensure that the public has ample opportunity to fully review and comment on the proposed rule, this notice extends the public comment period from August 14, 2000, through September 18, 2000.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments, in triplicate, to the Director,

Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW, Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. To ensure proper handling, please reference INS No. 2059-00 on your correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Brown, Office of Adjudications, Business and Trade Services Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW, Room 3214, Washington, DC 20536, telephone 202-353-8177.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-226-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Boeing Model 767 series airplanes, that currently requires a revision of the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) to include procedures that will ensure that the center tank fuel pumps are not operated with less than 1,000 pounds of fuel in the center tank. This proposed AD would require a further revision of the AFM to specify conditions for minimum fuel weight requirements and procedures for ground transfer of fuel for certain airplanes, repetitive inspections to detect discrepancies of the center tank override/jettison fuel pumps, and replacement of any discrepant pump with a new or serviceable pump. This proposal would also require that any override/jettison pump that incorporates a configuration without a diffuser be restored to a configuration that incorporates a diffuser. This proposed AD would also require installation of a new configuration center tank fuel pump, which would terminate the AFM revisions regarding fuel system operating procedures and repetitive

inspection requirements. This proposal is prompted by reports of cracks detected in the override/jettison fuel pump inlet diffuser. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent ignition of fuel vapors due to the generation of sparks, to prevent a potential ignition source inside the fuel tank caused by metal-to-metal contact during dry fuel pump operation, and to ensure satisfactory fuel pump and fuel system operation.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-NM-226-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 98-NM-226-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII text.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly Thorson, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Branch, ANM-140S, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1357; fax (425) 227-1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained