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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AH60

#### Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Marion, Indiana, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to abolish the Marion, Indiana, nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area and redefine its six counties as areas of application to nearby nonappropriated fund wage areas for pay-setting purposes. This change is being made because the closure of Fort Benjamin Harrison left the Department of Defense without an activity in the wage area capable of hosting local wage surveys.

**DATES:** This regulation is effective on March 31, 1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 10, 1996, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published an interim rule (61 FR 47661) to abolish the Marion, IN, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and redefine its six counties having continuing FWS employment. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC), the statutory national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended by majority vote that we abolish the Marion, IN, NAF wage area and redefine its six

counties as areas of application to nearby NAF wage areas. Marion County, Grant County, Miami County, and Allen County, IN, were redefined to the Greene-Montgomery, Ohio, NAF wage area. Martin County, IN, was redefined to the Hardin-Jefferson, Kentucky, NAF wage area, and Vermilion County, Illinois, was redefined to the Lake, IL, NAF wage area. This change was necessary due to the closure of the Marion wage area's host activity, Fort Benjamin Harrison, which left the wage area without an activity having the capability to conduct annual local wage surveys.

Employees being paid rates from the Marion, IN, NAF wage schedule were converted to new wage schedules on December 10, 1996. OPM published an interim rule making this change and provided a 30-day public comment period. During this period, OPM did not receive any comments. Based on the previous recommendation of FPRAC, the interim rule is being adopted as a final rule without any changes.

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I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will 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.

Accordingly, under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 5343, the interim rule (61 FR 47661) amending 5 CFR part 532 published on September 10, 1996, is adopted as final with no changes.

Office of Personnel Management.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

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#### Prevailing Rate Systems; Removal of Umatilla County, Oregon, from the Spokane, Washington, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to remove Umatilla County, Oregon, from the Spokane, Washington, nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area because nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System employees are no longer stationed in Umatilla County, and no Federal agency anticipates such future employment in the county.

**DATES:** This regulation is effective on March 31, 1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 23, 1997, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published an interim rule (62 FR 66973) to remove Umatilla County, Oregon, from the Spokane, Washington, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area. The change was made effective on January 1, 1998. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee (FPRAC), the statutory national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, recommended by consensus that we remove Umatilla County, OR, from the Spokane, WA, FWS wage area. The Spokane wage area is composed of one survey county, Spokane County, and three area of application counties, Adams County, WA, Walla Walla County, WA, and Umatilla County, OR. The removal of Umatilla County is appropriate because there are no NAF FWS employees stationed in the county, and no Federal agency anticipates future NAF employment. According to section 5343(a)(1)(B)(i) of title 5, United States Code, NAF wage areas "shall not extend