

# Proposed Rules

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AH81

#### Prevailing Rate Systems; Changes in Federal Wage System Survey Jobs

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a proposed rule that would change the Helper (Trades) WG-5 appropriated fund Federal Wage System survey job from required to optional, add the word "Heavy" to the name of the Janitor WG-2 FWS survey job, change the title of the Warehouseman WG-5 survey job to Warehouse Worker WG-5, and remove the Boiler Plant Operator WG-9 survey job from the list of optional survey jobs. These changes are being made to make Federal Wage System survey jobs more useful survey tools for local wage surveys.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 26, 1999.

**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, or FAX: (202) 606-4264.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is engaged in an ongoing project to review the survey job descriptions used by Federal agencies during Federal Wage System (FWS) local wage surveys to determine prevailing rates of pay for FWS employees. The FWS is the pay system for the Federal Government's blue-collar workforce.

As a result of this review, OPM proposes to change the Helper (Trades) WG-5 appropriated fund FWS survey job from required to optional. In the past, the Helper (Trades) WG-5 survey job has produced adequate data for use in calculating FWS pay rates in only about one-quarter of the appropriated fund FWS wage areas. Because of this, OPM proposes that its use become optional rather than required. In addition, OPM proposes that the word "Heavy" be added to the title of the Janitor WG-2 appropriated fund FWS survey job and that the Warehouseman WG-5 survey job title be changed to Warehouse Worker WG-5. These changes would better distinguish the Janitor WG-2 survey job from the Janitor (Light) WG-1 survey job and modernize the Warehouseman WG-5 survey job title. Finally, OPM proposes that the Boiler Plant Operator WG-9 survey job be removed from the list of optional survey jobs. The Boiler Plant Operator WG-10 survey job would remain an optional survey job. This change is proposed because only 0.5 percent of FWS employment in WG-9 positions is represented by this survey job and because matching private sector jobs only at the WG-10 journey level would be more consistent with the other survey jobs used in FWS wage surveys. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, has reviewed and concurred by consensus with these changes.

#### E.O. 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with E.O. 12866.

#### 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.

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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Director.

Accordingly, the 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.

### **§ 532.217 [Amended]**

2. In Section 532.217, paragraph (a) is amended by adding the word "(Heavy)" after the job title "Janitor", by removing the job title "Warehouseman" and replacing it with "Warehouse Worker", by removing the job title and job grade for "Helper (Trades)" and adding it in grade order to paragraph (c), and amending paragraph (c) by removing the job title "Boiler Plant Operator" and job grade "9".

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-CE-125-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Model 182S Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The document proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 98-13-10, which currently requires repetitively inspecting all engine exhaust muffler end plates (four total) for cracks on all Cessna Aircraft Company (Cessna) Model 182S airplanes, and replacing any muffler where an end plate is found cracked. AD 98-13-10 also requires fabricating and installing a placard that specifies immediately inspecting all engine exhaust muffler end plates any time the engine backfires upon start-up. The