

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY****[FEMA-1318-DR]****Virginia; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of
a Major Disaster Declaration****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia (FEMA-1318-DR), dated February 28, 2000, and related determinations.**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 7, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Madge Dale, Response and Recovery
Directorate, Federal Emergency
Management Agency, Washington, DC
20472, (202) 646-3772.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of February 28, 2000:Newport News City for debris removal
(Category A), emergency protective
measures (Category B), and utilities
(Category F) under Public Assistance.(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used
for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537,
Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora
Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis
Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services
Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment
Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression
Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family
Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public
Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing
Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant
Program)**Lacy E. Suiter,***Executive Associate Director, Response and
Recovery Directorate.*

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BILLING CODE 6718-02-P**FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS
AUTHORITY****[FLRA Docket No. 0-NG-2353]****Notice of Opportunity To Submit Amici
Curiae Briefs in a Negotiability
Proceeding Pending Before the
Federal Labor Relations Authority****AGENCY:** Federal Labor Relations
Authority.**ACTION:** Notice of the opportunity to file
briefs as amici curiae in a proceedingbefore the Federal Labor Relations
Authority in which the Authority has
been asked to reconsider how
management's statutory rights to direct
employees and to assign work should be
interpreted in relation to proposals that
establish the number of performance
rating levels for individual job elements
and summary ratings.**SUMMARY:** The Federal Labor Relations
Authority is providing an opportunity
for all interested parties to file briefs as
amici curiae on significant issues arising
in a case pending before the Authority.
The Authority is considering the case
pursuant to its responsibilities under
the Federal Service Labor-Management
Relations Statute, 5 U.S.C. 7101-7135
(the Statute) and its regulations set forth
at 5 CFR part 2424. The issue concerns
how management's rights to direct
employees and assign work under
section 7106(a)(2)(A) and (B) of the
Statute should be interpreted in relation
to proposals that establish the number
of performance rating levels for
individual job elements and summary
ratings.**DATES:** Briefs submitted in response to
this notice will be considered if
received by mail or by personal or
commercial delivery in the Authority's
Office of Case Control by 5 p.m. on
April 13, 2000. Placing submissions in
the mail by this deadline will not be
sufficient. Extensions of time to submit
briefs will not be granted.**FORMAT:** All briefs shall be captioned
"*National Association of Government
Employees, Local R3-10 and U.S.
Department of Transportation, Federal
Aviation Administration, Washington,
D.C., Case No. NG-2353.*" Briefs must
contain separate, numbered topic
headings corresponding to the four
questions at the end of this notice.
Parties must submit an original and four
copies of each amicus brief, on 8½ by
11 inch paper. Briefs must include a
signed and dated statement of service
that complies with the Authority's
regulations showing service of one copy
of the brief on all counsel of record or
other designated representatives. 5 CFR
2429.27(a) and (c). The designated
representatives are:George L. Reaves, Jr., Union
Representative, National
Association of Government
Employees, 36 Wine Street,
Hampton, VA 23669;
Ron Frampton, Agency Representative,
Federal Aviation Administration,
800 Independence Ave., SW, AHR-
12, Washington, DC 20591.**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver briefs to
Peter Constantine, Director, CaseControl Office, Federal Labor Relations
Authority, 607 14th Street, NW, Room
415, Washington, DC 20424-0001.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Peter Constantine, Director, Case
Control Office, Federal Labor Relations
Authority, (202) 482-6540.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The case
presenting the issues on which amicus
briefs are being solicited is before the
Authority on a petition for review of
negotiability issues filed by the National
Association of Government Employees,
Local R3-10 (NAGE/Union) under
section 7105(a)(2)(E) of the Statute. The
Union requests that the Authority
reconsider its precedent that proposals
that establish the number of rating
levels for individual performance
elements and for summary performance
ratings violate management's rights to
direct employees and assign work under
section 7106(a)(2)(A) and (B) of the
Statute and are outside the duty to
bargain. To assist interested persons in
responding, the Authority offers the
following background on the case,
summary of the relevant precedent, and
questions on which amicus views are
being sought.**A. Background**The negotiability dispute in this case
arose in the context of the parties'
negotiations for an initial collective
bargaining agreement that would cover
a unit of the Federal Aviation
Administration's (FAA/Agency's) Air
Traffic Assistants. The Agency and the
Union executed a Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU) which served as
an interim supplement to FAA Order
3500.7 regarding its Performance
Management System.The Agency established a new
Performance Planning and Recognition
System that recognized two rating levels
of performance for individual job
elements and summary ratings. In
response, the Union submitted two
proposals that specified three rating
levels for individual job elements and
summary ratings consistent with the
former system and the parties' MOU.
The Union filed a petition for review of
negotiability issues with the Authority
after the Agency declared these
proposals nonnegotiable.During the parties' negotiations,
Congress enacted two pieces of
legislation that are relevant to the
Agency's personnel management
activities. First, in November 1995,
Congress enacted the Department of
Transportation and Related Agencies
Appropriation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No.
104-50, Title III, section 347, 109 Stat.
460 (1995), as amended by Pub. L. 104-