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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)

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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