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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 310

RIN 3206-AK03

#### Employment of Relatives

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing a plain language rewrite of its regulations regarding the employment of relatives as part of a broader review of OPM's regulations. The purpose of the revision is to make the regulations more readable.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send, deliver or fax comments to Ms. Ellen E. Tunstall, Deputy Associate Director for Talent and Capacity Policy, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 6551, Washington, DC 20415-9700; e-mail: [employ@opm.gov](mailto:employ@opm.gov); FAX: (202) 606-2329.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Raleigh M. Neville by telephone at (202) 606-0960; by TTY at (202) 418-3134; by fax at (202) 606-0390; or by e-mail at [rmnevill@opm.gov](mailto:rmnevill@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPM is reviewing and revising its regulations to make them more readable. In the process, we are making sure that our regulations do not merely repeat statutory provisions. We are revising Part 310 to eliminate subpart A because it merely restates the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 3110 which outline the legal restrictions on the employment of relatives.

#### 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 it affects only Federal employees.

### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 310

Government employees.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

Accordingly, OPM proposes to revise 5 CFR part 310 to read as follows:

### PART 310—EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES

Sec.

310.101 Are there exceptions to the legal restrictions on the employment of relatives?

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3110.

#### Subpart A—Employment of Relatives

##### § 310.101 Are there exceptions to the legal restrictions on the employment of relatives?

Section 3110 of title 5, United States Code, sets forth the legal restrictions on the employment of relatives. Subsection (d) of that section authorizes the Office of Personnel Management to prescribe regulations authorizing the temporary employment of relatives, in certain conditions, notwithstanding the restrictions. This regulation sets forth exceptions to the restrictions. When necessary to meet urgent needs resulting from an emergency posing an immediate threat to life or property, or a national emergency as defined in § 230.402(a)(1) of this title, a public official may employ relatives to meet those needs without regard to the restrictions on the employment of relatives in 5 U.S.C. 3110. Such appointments are temporary and may not exceed 1 month, but the agency may extend such an appointment for one additional month if the emergency need still exists at the time of the extension.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2003-16083; Airspace Docket No. 03-AAL-19]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Manokotak, AK

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to establish new Class E airspace at Manokotak, AK. A new Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) and a Textual Departure Procedure are being published for the Manokotak Airport. There is no existing Class E airspace to contain aircraft executing the new instrument approach at Manokotak, AK. Adoption of this proposal would result in the establishment of Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) above the surface at Manokotak, AK.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2003-16083/Airspace Docket No. 03-AAL-19, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the above address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Regional Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Operations Branch, AAL-530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Derril Bergt, AAL-531, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587;