

significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

Nontimely requests and/or petitions and contentions will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission or the presiding officer of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition, request and/or the contentions should be granted based on a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)-(viii).

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; (2) courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; (3) E-mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, hearingdocket@nrc.gov; or (4) facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff at (301) 415-1101, verification number is (301) 415-1966. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by E-mail to [OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov). A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to Arthur H. Domby, Esquire, Troutman Sanders, NationsBank Plaza, 600 Peachtree Street, NE., Suite 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308-2216, the attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 20, 2006, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One

White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of July 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**SUNSHINE FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Week of July 24, 2006.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**Additional Matters To Be Considered**

*Week of July 24, 2006*

Thursday, July 27, 2006

3 p.m. Discussion of Management Issues (closed—ex. 2).

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\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

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**Additional Information**

By a vote of 5-0 on July 24 and 25, 2006, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management Issues (closed—ex 2)" be held July 27, 2006 and by a vote of 4-1 that the meeting be held on less than one week's notice to the public. Commissioner Jaczko did not vote to hold the meeting on short notice.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: [www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html](http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html).

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Dated: July 26, 2006

**Sandy Joosten,**

*Office of the Secretary.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services Covered by Chapter 9 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement for Guatemala**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Determination under Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 31, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dawn Shackleford, Director for International Procurement, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9461, or Jason Kearns, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9439.

On August 5, 2004, the United States and Guatemala entered into the Dominican Republic-Central America-

United States Free Trade Agreement ("the CAFTA-DR"). Chapter 9 of the CAFTA-DR sets forth certain obligations with respect to government procurement of goods and services, as specified in Annex 9.1.2(b)(i) of the CAFTA-DR. On August 2, 2005, the President signed into law the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("the CAFTA-DR Act") (Pub. L. 109-53, 119 Stat. 462) (19 U.S.C. 4001 note). In section 101(a) of the CAFTA-DR Act, the Congress approved the CAFTA-DR. The CAFTA-DR entered into force on July 1, 2006, for Guatemala.

Section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980 (46 FR 1653) delegates the functions of the President under Sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 ("the Trade Agreements Act") (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512) to the United States Trade Representative.

Now, therefore, I, Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative, in conformity with the provisions of Sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act, and Executive Order 12260, and in order to carry out U.S. obligations under Chapter 9 of the CAFTA-DR, do hereby determine that:

1. Guatemala is a country, other than a major industrialized country, which, pursuant to the CAFTA-DR, will provide appropriate reciprocal competitive government procurement opportunities to United States products and suppliers of such products. In accordance with Section 301(b)(3) of the Trade Agreements Act, Guatemala is so designated for purposes of Section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.

2. With respect to eligible products of Guatemala (i.e., goods and services covered by the Schedules of the United States in Annex 9.1.2(b)(i) of the CAFTA-DR) and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than accorded—

(A) to United States products and suppliers of such products; or

(B) to eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the Agreement on Government Procurement referred to in section 101(d)(17) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(17)) and suppliers of such products, shall be waived.

With respect to Guatemala, this waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in the Schedule of the United States to Section A of Annex 9.1.2(b)(i)

and in List A of Section C of Annex 9.1.2(b)(i) of the CAFTA-DR.

3. The designation in paragraph 1 and the waiver in paragraph 2 are subject to modification or withdrawal by the United States Trade Representative.

Dated: July 25, 2006.

**Susan C. Schwab,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance; General Population Rental Equivalence Survey Report

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the "Nonforeign Area General Population Rental Equivalence Survey Report." The General Population Rental Equivalence Survey (GPRES) was a special research project in which the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) collected data on homeowner estimates of the rental value of their homes and market rents in the nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance (COLA) areas and in the Washington, DC area. OPM conducted GPRES to determine whether rental survey data collected in the COLA surveys should be adjusted to account for homeowner shelter costs. Based on the GPRES results, OPM has determined that no adjustment is appropriate. OPM is publishing this report to inform interested parties of the research results and provide an opportunity for comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this report must be received on or before September 29, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to Jerome D. Mikowicz, Acting Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; fax: (202) 606-4264; or e-mail: [COLA@opm.gov](mailto:COLA@opm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald L. Paquin, (202) 606-2838; fax: (202) 606-4264; or e-mail: [COLA@opm.gov](mailto:COLA@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) conducted the General Population Rental Equivalence Survey (GPRES) to determine whether OPM should adjust

the rent indexes it computes from data collected in the nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance (COLA) surveys. The Federal Government pays COLAs to certain white collar Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As provided by subpart B of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, OPM conducts living-cost surveys to set COLA rates.

One of the items OPM surveys during the COLA surveys is market rents for detached houses, duplexes and triplexes, town and row houses, and apartments. We use rental data to estimate the relative price of shelter for both homeowners and renters between the COLA areas and the Washington, DC area. (For an example, see the 2004 Pacific COLA survey report published at 70 FR 44989-45023.) As applied to homeowners, this approach is called "rental equivalence" because it estimates the shelter value of owned homes rather than surveying homeowner costs directly.

OPM adopted the rental equivalence approach pursuant to the settlement in *Caraballo, et al. v. United States*, No. 1997-0027 (D.V.I.), August 17, 2000. The settlement provides for several significant changes in the COLA methodology, including the use of rental equivalence. The settlement also established the Survey Implementation Committee (SIC), composed of seven plaintiffs' representatives and two OPM representatives, and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), composed of three economists with expertise in living-cost analysis. The TAC advises the SIC and OPM on living-cost issues. The SIC and the TAC agreed OPM could use, on an interim basis, market rents collected in the COLA surveys to estimate homeowner costs. The TAC noted, however, that the relative price of shelter for homeowners could differ compared with the relative price of market rents between the COLA areas and the DC area. If this were the case, it would be appropriate for OPM to adjust COLA survey market rent indexes before applying them to homeowners.

Therefore, OPM conducted a special research project, i.e., GPRES, to collect information on market rents and homeowner estimates of the rental value of their homes in the COLA areas and in the Washington, DC area. The SIC and the TAC were involved heavily in the design of the survey, and the TAC analyzed the survey results. The TAC also compared GPRES results with the results of the 1998 Federal Employee Housing and Living Patterns Survey (FEHLPS), which Joel Popkin and