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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AG93

#### Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of Guaynabo-San Juan, PR, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to redefine the Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area by adding Salinas Municipality as an area of application for pay-setting purposes. No employee's wage rate will be reduced as a result of this change.

**DATES:** This interim rule becomes effective on October 4, 1995.

Comments must be received by November 3, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to Donald J. Winstead, Assistant Director for Compensation Policy, Human Resources Systems Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 6H31, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, or FAX: (202) 606-0824.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Shields, (202) 606-2848.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Defense (DOD) notified the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that the Camp Santiago Army and Air Force Exchange Service employs nine Federal Wage System (FWS) nonappropriated fund (NAF) workers in Salinas Municipality, Puerto Rico. With the consensus approval of the DOD Wage Committee, DOD recommended that Salinas Municipality

be added to the area of application of the Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, NAF wage area.

Salinas Municipality is not presently defined to a wage area for NAF pay-setting purposes and does not meet the regulatory criteria for establishing a new NAF wage area under 5 CFR 532.219. Thus, Salinas Municipality must be defined as an area of application to an existing wage area.

There is only one NAF wage area for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands—the Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, NAF wage area. It currently has two survey municipalities in Puerto Rico and an area of application made up to six Puerto Rico municipalities and two islands of the U.S. Virgin Islands. There are no alternative NAF wage areas to which Salinas Municipality could be defined, given the large separation between the island of Puerto Rico and mainland NAF wage areas. With this change, the wage rates of the nine NAF employees covered would continue to be set using the Guaynabo-San Juan wage schedule.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee reviewed this recommendation and by consensus recommended approval.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), I find that good cause exists for waiving the general notice of proposed rulemaking. Also, pursuant to section 553(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code, I find that good cause exists for making this rule effective in less than 30 days. The notice is being waived and the regulation is being made effective in less than 30 days so that the positions of these employees will be included within an FWS wage area and appropriate wage rates authorized for their pay.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they 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.  
Lorraine A. Green,  
*Deputy Director.*

Accordingly, OPM is amending 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.

Appendix D to Subpart B of Part 532 [Amended]

2. Appendix D to subpart B is amended by revising the list for Guaynabo-San Juan, Puerto Rico, to read as follows:

Appendix D to Subpart B of Part 532—  
Nonappropriated Fund Wage and  
Survey Areas

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Puerto Rico

Guaynabo-San Juan

*Survey area*

Puerto Rico: (municipalities)

Guaynabo  
San Juan

*Area of application. Survey area plus:*

Puerto Rico: (municipalities)

Aguadilla  
Isabela  
Ponce  
Salinas  
Toa Baja  
Ceiba  
Vieques

U.S. Virgin Islands:

St. Croix  
St. Thomas

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#### 5 CFR Parts 870, 871, 872, and 874

RIN 3206-AG68

#### Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program: Assignment of Life Insurance

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Interim regulations with request for comments.