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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

[Docket ID: OPM-2024-0006]

RIN 3206-AO68

### Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Frederick, Maryland, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing a final rule to abolish the Frederick, Maryland, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and define Frederick County, MD, to the Anne Arundel, MD, NAF FWS wage area, and Berkeley County, West Virginia, to the Washington, DC, NAF FWS wage area. These changes are necessary because NAF FWS employment in the survey area is now below the minimum criterion of 26 wage employees to maintain a wage area, and the local activities no longer have the capability to conduct local wage surveys.

**DATES:**

*Effective date:* This regulation is effective September 23, 2024.

*Applicability date:* This change applies on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after September 23, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ana Paunoiu, by telephone at (202) 606-2858 or by email at [paypolicy@opm.gov](mailto:paypolicy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 10, 2024, OPM issued a proposed rule (89 FR 25186) to abolish the Frederick, MD, NAF FWS wage area and define Frederick County, MD, to the Anne Arundel, MD, NAF FWS wage area, and Berkeley County, WV, to the Washington, DC, NAF FWS wage area. The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory

Committee, the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, reviewed and recommended these changes by consensus.

The proposed rule had a 30-day comment period, during which OPM received no comments. Therefore, this final rule adopts the proposed rule at 89 FR 25186 without change.

### Expected Impact of This Rule

Section 5343 of title 5, U.S. Code, provides OPM with the authority and responsibility to define the boundaries of NAF FWS wage areas. Any changes in wage area definitions can have the long-term effect of increasing pay for Federal employees in affected locations. OPM expects this final rule to impact approximately 20 NAF FWS employees. Considering the small number of employees affected, OPM does not anticipate this rule will substantially impact local economies or have a large impact in local labor markets. As this and future wage area changes may impact higher volumes of employees in geographical areas and could rise to the level of impacting local labor markets, OPM will continue to study the implications of such impacts in future rules as needed.

### Regulatory Review

Executive Orders 13563, 12866, and 14094 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). This rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under the provisions of Executive Order 14094 and, therefore, was not reviewed by OMB.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Director of OPM certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

### Federalism

OPM has examined this rule in accordance with Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and has determined that this rule will not have any negative impact on the rights, roles and

responsibilities of State, local, or tribal governments.

### Civil Justice Reform

This regulation meets the applicable standard set forth in Executive Order 12988.

### Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

This rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any year and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

### Congressional Review Act

OMB’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined this rule does not satisfy the criteria listed in 5 U.S.C. 804(2). OPM will submit to Congress and the Comptroller General of the United States a report regarding the issuance of this rule before its effective date.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose any reporting or record-keeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kayyonne Marston,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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.

■ 2. In appendix D to subpart B, amend the table by revising the wage area listings for the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland to read as follows:

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

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### Definitions of Wage Areas and Wage Area Survey Areas

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

##### Washington, DC

###### Survey Area

District of Columbia:  
Washington, DC

###### Area of Application. Survey Area Plus:

West Virginia:  
Berkeley

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#### MARYLAND

##### Anne Arundel

###### Survey Area

Maryland:  
Anne Arundel

###### Area of Application. Survey Area Plus:

Maryland (city):  
Baltimore

Maryland (counties):  
Baltimore  
Frederick

##### Charles-St. Mary's

###### Survey Area

Maryland:  
Charles  
St. Mary's

###### Area of Application. Survey Area Plus:

Maryland:  
Calvert  
Virginia:  
King George

##### Harford

###### Survey Area

Maryland:  
Harford

###### Area of Application. Survey Area Plus:

Maryland:  
Cecil

##### Montgomery-Prince George's

###### Survey Area

Maryland:  
Montgomery  
Prince George's

###### Area of Application. Survey Area.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 2

[NRC-2023-0210]

RIN 3150-AL09

### Administrative Changes to Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to revise the agency's rules of practice and procedure to improve access to documents and make e-filing rules technology neutral, to delete an obsolete regulation, to clarify the applicability of subpart L and subpart N procedures, to enhance internal consistency for page limit requirements, to enhance consistency with the Federal Rules of Evidence for "true copies," and to better reflect current Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel practice regarding admission of evidence.

**DATES:** The final rule is effective November 5, 2024, unless significant adverse comments are received by September 23, 2024. If the direct final rule is withdrawn as a result of such comments, timely notice of the withdrawal will be published in the **Federal Register**. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Comments received on this direct final rule will also be considered to be comments on a companion proposed rule published in the Proposed Rules section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2023-0210 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2023-0210. Address questions about NRC dockets to Helen Chang; telephone: 301-415-3228; email: [Helen.Chang@nrc.gov](mailto:Helen.Chang@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at

<https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov).

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You can read a plain language description of this direct final rule at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NRC-2023-0210>. For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

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#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Obtaining Information

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