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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 532

RIN 3206-AK83

#### Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Central North Carolina Appropriated Fund Wage Area

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule to redefine the geographic boundaries of the Central North Carolina Federal Wage System (FWS) appropriated fund wage area. The final rule removes Edgecombe and Wilson Counties, NC, from the survey area and adds Hoke County, NC, to the survey area. The redefinition of Edgecombe, Hoke, and Wilson Counties aligns the geographic definition of the Central North Carolina wage area more closely with the regulatory criteria used to define FWS wage areas.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on November 21, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madeline Gonzalez, (202) 606-2838; e-mail [pay-performance-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-performance-policy@opm.gov); or FAX: (202) 606-4264.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 18, 2005, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued a proposed rule (70 FR 28488) to remove Edgecombe and Wilson Counties, NC, from the Central North Carolina survey area and add Hoke County, NC, to the survey area. The proposed rule had a 30-day comment period, during which OPM received no comments.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will 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.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Linda M. Springer,**

*Director.*

■ Accordingly, the Office of Personnel Management 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 C to subpart B, the wage area listing for the State of North Carolina is amended by revising the listing for Central North Carolina to read as follows:

#### Appendix C to Subpart B of Part 532—Appropriated Fund Wage and Survey Areas

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#### North Carolina

*Central North Carolina*

Survey Area

North Carolina: Cumberland, Durham, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Orange, Wake, Wayne.

Area of Application. Survey area plus:

North Carolina: Alamance, Bladen, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Edgecombe, Franklin, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Sampson, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Warren, Wilson, and Yadkin.

South Carolina: Dillon, Marion, and Marlboro.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

#### 6 CFR Part 7

RIN 1601-AA02

#### Classified National Security Information

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule revises the Department of Homeland Security's procedures for managing classified national security information. This rule implements procedures required under Executive Order 12958, "Classified National Security Information," as amended by Executive Order 13292, and amends the initial procedures established when the Department was created in January 2003. Further, this rule delegates to the Chief Security Officer of the Department of Homeland Security the responsibility of serving as the "Senior Agency Official" pursuant to Executive Order 12958, as amended.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective October 21, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John J. Young, Chief, Administrative Security Division, Office of Security, Department of Homeland Security, (202) 772-9614 (not a toll free call).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

On November 25, 2002, the President signed into law the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135 (6 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*) (HSA), creating the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS is comprised of 22 Federal agencies brought together for the common goals of preventing terrorist attacks in the United States, reducing the vulnerability of the United States to terrorist attacks, and minimizing damage and assisting in recovery from attacks that occur in the United States.

DHS came into existence on January 24, 2003 under section 4 of the HSA, 116 Stat. at 2142 (6 U.S.C. 101 note). In order to facilitate public interaction with DHS's Office of the Secretary and to meet the mandate set forth in Executive Order 12958, as amended, DHS issued an interim final rule to establish an initial set of procedures for