

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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### Notice of issuance of Regulatory Guide

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance and Availability of Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary L. Stevens, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 251-7569 or e-mail [Gary.Stevens@nrc.gov](mailto:Gary.Stevens@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.44, "Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel," was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1224. This guide describes methods that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for implementing requirements about control of the application and processing of stainless steel to avoid severe sensitization that could lead to stress-corrosion cracking. This guide applies to light-water-cooled reactors.

#### II. Further Information

In June 2009, DG-1224 was published with a public comment period of 60 days from the issuance of the guide. The public comment period was extended until October 1, 2009. The staff's responses to the comments received are located in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No.

ML101680258. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1 are available through the NRC's public Web site under "Regulatory Guides" at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. The regulatory analysis may be found under ADAMS Accession No. ML101680238.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### January 2011 Pay Schedules

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President has signed an Executive order stating that certain civilian employee pay schedules are not adjusted in 2011 and remain at 2010 levels. This notice serves as documentation for the public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Dismond, Pay and Leave, Employee Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858; FAX (202) 606-0824; or email to [pay-leave-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-leave-policy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 22, 2010, the President signed Executive Order 13561 (75 FR 81817), which documented the January 2011 pay schedules. Pursuant to Public Law 111-242, as amended by Public Law 111-322, December 22, 2010, the Executive order provides that 2011 pay rates for the civilian employee pay schedules covered by the order are not adjusted and remain at 2010 levels.

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13561 provides the rates for the 2011 General

Schedule (GS) and reflects no increase from 2010. Executive Order 13561 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2011 locality payments, which remain at 2010 levels except for employees in nonforeign areas. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13561.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13561 that the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2011 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the United States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4)) and its territories and possessions. In 2011, locality payments ranging from 9.44 percent to 35.15 percent apply to GS employees in the 34 locality pay areas. The 2011 locality pay area definitions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/11tables/locdef.asp>.

The 2011 locality pay percentages became effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2011 (January 2, 2011). An employee's locality rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.609.) The Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 contained in subtitle B (sections 1911-1919) of title XIX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub. L. 111-84, October 28, 2009) extended coverage of the locality pay program to employees in Alaska, Hawaii, and the other nonforeign areas in 2010. For 2011, the statute provides that employees in each of these areas receive two-thirds of the applicable locality rate.

Executive Order 13561 documents that the Executive Schedule rates of pay remain at the 2010 levels. By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13561 documents the 2011 range of rates of basic pay for senior executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The minimum rate of basic pay for the SES remains at \$119,554 in 2011. The maximum rate of the SES rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by a certified SES performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SES members covered by an SES performance appraisal system that has not been certified.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the senior-level (SL) and scientific and

professional (ST) rate range remains at \$119,554 in 2011. The applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST rate range continues to be \$179,700 (level II of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees covered by a certified SL/ST performance appraisal system and \$165,300 (level III of the Executive Schedule) for SL or ST employees covered by an SL/ST performance appraisal system that has not been certified. Agencies with certified performance appraisal systems in 2011 for SES members and employees in SL and ST positions also must apply a higher aggregate limitation on pay—up to the Vice President's salary (\$230,700 in 2011, the same level as in 2010).

By law, SES members and employees in SL and ST positions are not authorized to receive locality payments. Note: An exception applies to SES, SL, and ST employees stationed in a nonforeign area on January 2, 2010, which is explained in an OPM memorandum, CPM 2009-27. (See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/index.asp>.)

Executive Order 13561 provides that the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) under 5 U.S.C. 5372 are not increased in 2011. The rate of basic pay for AL-1 remains at \$155,500 (equivalent to the rate for EX-IV). The rate of basic pay for AL-2 remains at \$151,800. The rates of basic pay for AL-3/A through 3/F continue to range from \$103,900 to \$143,700.

The rates of basic pay for members of Contract Appeals Boards are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, these rates of basic pay are not increased in 2011.

On December 13, 2010, the President's Pay Agent extended locality-based comparability payments to certain categories of non-GS employees again in 2011. The Governmentwide categories include ALJs and Contract Appeals Board members. The maximum locality rate of pay for these employees is the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule (\$165,300 in 2011, the same level as in 2010).

On December 27, 2010, OPM issued a memorandum (CPM 2010-20) on the Executive order for the 2011 pay schedules. (See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/index.asp>.) The memorandum transmitted Executive Order 13561 and provided the 2011 salary tables, locality pay areas and percentages, and information on general pay administration matters and other related information. The "2011 Salary Tables" posted on OPM's Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/11tables/index.asp> are the official rates of pay for

affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**John Berry,**

*Director.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Hispanic Council on Federal Employment

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of council meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hispanic Council on Federal Employment will hold its second meeting on April 15, 2011, at the time and location shown below. The Council is an advisory committee composed of representatives from Hispanic organizations and senior government officials. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council shall advise the Director of the Office of Personnel Management on matters involving the recruitment, hiring, and advancement of Hispanics in the Federal workforce. The Council is co-chaired by the Chief of Staff of the Office of Personnel Management and the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at the meeting. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

**DATES:** April 15, 2011 from 2-4 p.m.

*Location:* U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 1416, 1st Floor, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E St., NW., Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Veronica E. Villalobos, Director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St., NW., Suite 5305, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606-2984 FAX (202) 606-2183 or e-mail at [Edgar.Gonzalez@opm.gov](mailto:Edgar.Gonzalez@opm.gov).

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

#### *Extension:*

Rule 17Ac3-1(a); SEC File No. 270-96; OMB Control No. 3235-0151. Form TA-W(1669); SEC File No. 270-96; OMB Control No. 3235-0151.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in the following rule: Rule 17Ac3-1(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Section 17A(c)(4)(B) of the Exchange Act authorizes transfer agents registered with an appropriate regulatory agency ("ARA") to withdraw from registration by filing with the ARA a written notice of withdrawal and by agreeing to such terms and conditions as the ARA deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or in the furtherance of the purposes of Section 17A.

In order to implement Section 17A(c)(4)(B) of the Exchange Act the Commission, on September 1, 1977, promulgated Rule 17Ac3-1(a) (17 CFR 240.17Ac3-1(a)) and accompanying Form TA-W (17 CFR 249b.101). Rule 17Ac3-1(a) provides that notice of withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent with the Commission shall be filed on Form TA-W. Form TA-W requires the withdrawing transfer agent to provide the Commission with certain information, including: (1) The locations where transfer agent activities are or were performed; (2) the reasons for ceasing the performance of such activities; (3) disclosure of unsatisfied judgments or liens; and (4) information regarding successor transfer agents.

The Commission uses the information disclosed on Form TA-W to determine whether the registered transfer agent applying for withdrawal from registration as a transfer agent should be allowed to deregister and, if so, whether the Commission should attach to the granting of the application any terms or conditions necessary or appropriate in