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DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL MANUAL

DPM BULLETIN NO. 550-30

DATE: SEP - 8 1992

SUBJECT: Payments During Evacuation

On September 1, 1992, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) revised its regulations governing payments during evacuation. The revision removes section 550.405, which prohibited such payments if the evacuation resulted from a natural disaster occurring within the 48 contiguous states. Beginning September 1, 1992, evacuation payments are permitted in all states when ordered as the result of a natural disaster.

- Installment 32 to DPM 550, provides the Assistant Secretary for Administration, for the Office of the Secretary, the Inspector General and Heads of Operating Administrations the full authority to authorize evacuation payments for their respective organizations.

A copy of the OPM revised regulation is attached. Complete guidance on making payments during evacuation is contained in FPM Supplement 990-2, Book 550, Subchapter 4, and Appendix A of Book 550.

If you have any questions, please call Jan Karicher of my staff on 366-9450.



Director of Personnel

Attachment

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

5 CFR Part 550

**Pay Administration (General);
Payments During an Evacuation**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel
Management is removing a restriction in
the regulations on payments during an
evacuation to permit Federal agencies to
make such payments when the
evacuation is occasioned by natural
disasters.

DATES: Interim regulations effective on
September 1, 1992. Comments must be
received on or before October 1, 1992.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent or
delivered to Barbara L. Fiss, Assistant
Director for Pay and Performance,
Personnel Systems and Oversight
Group, U.S. Office of Personnel
Management, room 7H28, 1900 E Street
NW., Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections
5522 and 5523 of title 5, United States

Code, respectively, authorize agency
heads to—(1) Make advance
payments of up to 30 days pay,
allowances, and differentials, and (2)
continue payment of pay, allowances,
and differentials for certain periods
when employees are prevented from
performing their duties by an evacuation
that has been officially approved or
ordered. Section 550.405 of title 5, Code
of Federal Regulations, prevents agency
heads from making payments under
sections 5522 and 5523 when the
evacuation has been occasioned by a
natural disaster within the 48 contiguous
States or the District of Columbia. The
devastation caused by Hurricane
Andrew has caused OPM to reassess
the appropriateness of this restriction.
OPM believes that this regulation no
longer serves a useful purpose. In order
to facilitate immediate and effective
response to this unprecedented disaster,
OPM is removing this restriction.

Waiver of Delay in Effective Date

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), I find
that good cause exists for making this
rule effective in less than 30 days. The
regulation is being made effective
immediately in order to make this
benefit available to employees on the
earliest practicable date.

E.O. 12991, Federal Regulation

I have determined that this is not a
major rule as defined under section 1(b)
of E.O. 12991, Federal Regulation.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that this regulation will not
have a significant economic impact on a
substantial number of small entities,
since it applies only to Federal agencies
and Federal employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 550

Administrative practice and
procedure, Claims, Government
employees, Wages.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Douglas A. Brook,
Acting Director.

Accordingly, OPM is amending part
550 of title 5 of the Code of Federal
Regulations as follows:

**PART 550—PAY ADMINISTRATION
(GENERAL)**

1. The Authority citation for subpart D
of part 550 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5527, E.O. 10982, 3 CFR
1959-1963 Comp., p. 502.

§ 550.405 [Removed]

2. § 550.405 is removed and reserved.

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