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Washington, DC 20415

Employee Services

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Raymond A. Limon
Director, Office of Human Resources
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Limon:

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approves your September 15, 2017 request to grant an exception to the 1040 hour time limit on temporary appointments in 5 CFR 316.401(d) (ii), and 5 CFR 213.104(b)(3)(i). This exception will enable the 1263 seasonal employees listed on the Department of Interior (DOI) request to extend beyond the 1040-hour time limit, their current appointments with the National Park Service (NPS) in order to participate in the DOI cleanup efforts as a result of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

Your request highlights the critical role to be played in the emergency response by NPS employees through the performance of search and rescue, logistics, law enforcement, and public health assistance. The devastating aftermath in the wake of the hurricanes has created a need for this exception. Service under this exception will not be subject to the general time limit provisions found under 5 CFR 316.401(c) or general service limits found under 5 CFR 213.104(b)(1). This exception is granted through December 31, 2017.

There are 28 employees listed on the request, whose not to exceed date occurred prior to the approval date of this request. These employees are not eligible for this extension.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Darrell Coleman, Human Resources Specialist, at (202) 606-1976, or by email at Darrell.Coleman@opm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly A. Holden".

Kimberly A. Holden
Deputy Associate Director
Recruitment and Hiring