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Memorandum

To: Heads of Bureaus and Offices

From: Raymond A. Limon 
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Subject: Waiver of Bi-Weekly Limitations on Premium Pay

Effective August 20, 2017, Department of the Interior employees are authorized a waiver of the bi-weekly limitations on premium pay and authorized an increase to the calendar year (CY) 2017 pay limitations, as defined by the provisions of section 5547 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), if they perform work in direct support of or directly related to response operations of Hurricane Harvey. The annual pay limitation, as established in 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 550.106 and 5 CFR 550.107 remains in effect.

Employees granted waivers during CY17 may receive premium pay only to the extent that the payment does not cause the total of his or her basic pay and premium pay for CY17 to exceed the greater of the annualized rate payable for GS-15, step 10 or level V of the Executive Schedule.

The headquarters human resource office for each bureau will keep a record of the number employees affected and types of premium pay involved for waivers granted under the provisions of this memorandum. These records will be made available upon request from the Department or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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