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MSPB'S REVISED ADJUDICATORY REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE TODAY

The <u>U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board's (MSPB)</u> revised adjudicatory regulations, published in the Federal Register on October 12, 2012 (<u>77 FR 62349</u>), are effective today. The regulations modify 5 C.F.R. Parts 1200, 1201, 1203, 1208, and 1209. The revisions follow an unprecedented review and the first significant reconsideration of MSPB's regulations since the agency's establishment in 1979.

Chairman Grundmann stated, "Today marks a milestone in MSPB's history as our revised adjudicatory regulations become effective. We have been working hard, both internally and with our external stakeholders, for two years to get to this day. We remain committed to reviewing our jurisdictional regulations in a follow-up rulemaking this fiscal year, and we renew our pledge to monitor and report on the impact of the changes taking effect today."

Relevant documents—including a side-by-side comparison of the previous regulations, the changes effective today and the rationale for the changes, plus a shorter summary of significant changes—are posted on MSPB's website at www.mspb.gov/regulatoryreview. If your agency or organization would like a presentation by MSPB staff on the revisions, please contact us by telephone at 202-653-7200 or by email at mspb.gov. If you have questions about how the changes affect your current appeal, please contact the MSPB office where your appeal is pending.

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency whose mission is to protect the Merit System Principles and promote an effective Federal workforce free of Prohibited Personnel Practices.