

October 2017 Government Update....

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5.

IRS Proposes Rules to Allow Truncated SSNs on W-2s Furnished to Employees. The IRS issued proposed rules to allow employers to truncate employee social security numbers (SSNs) on copies of Forms W-2 furnished to employees beginning with the 2018 forms that will be furnished in 2019. 82 F.R. 43920. (APA)

IRS Issues Federal 'High-Low' Per Diem Rates Effective October 1. The IRS has issued its annual list of optional "high-low" per diem rates for travel to locations within the continental U.S. Notice 2017-54, which is effective for travel on or after October 1, has been posted to the APA website. (APA)

Texas Court Invalidates DOL Overtime Rule. On August 31, a Texas federal district court ruled in a final order that the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) revised overtime rule, which would have increased the minimum salary threshold for exempt "white collar" employees from \$455 to \$913 per week, was invalid. (APA)

IRS Provides Tax Relief to Residents of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands IR-2017-168, Oct. 04, 2017 — The IRS today issued guidance to provide relief to residents of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands who evacuated or couldn't return because of Hurricane Irma or Hurricane Maria (IRS)

IRS Expands Tax Relief to Victims of Hurricane Irma in Florida; Extension Filers Have Until Jan. 31 to File IR-2017-155, Sept. 15, 2017 — Hurricane Irma victims in Florida have until Jan. 31, 2018, to file certain individual and business tax returns and make certain tax payments, the IRS announced today. (IRS)

IRS Gives Tax Relief to Victims of Hurricane Irma; Like Harvey, Extension Filers Have Until Jan. 31 to File; Additional Relief Planned IR-2017-150, Sept. 12, 2017 — Hurricane Irma victims in parts of Florida and elsewhere have until Jan. 31, 2018, to file certain individual and business tax returns and make certain tax payments, the Internal Revenue Service announced today. (IRS)