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AGENCY: Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3504(e)(3) and 31 U.S.C. 1104(d) and Executive Order No. 10253 (June 11, 1951), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan areas (MAs) for use in Federal statistical activities in accordance with a set of standards published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 1990 (55 FR 12154 - 12160).

On June 23, 1998, OMB updated the MA definitions in OMB Bulletin No. 98-06. One new Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was defined based on the standards and the 1996 Bureau of the Census official population estimates. The Missoula, Montana MSA (FIPS Code 5140) was defined effective June 30, 1998. The Missoula, Montana MSA comprises Missoula County, Montana. The MSA's central city is Missoula, Montana.

OMB Bulletin No. 98-06 with the list of all MAs as of June 30, 1998, is available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Document Sales, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone 1-800-553-NTIS (Accession Number PB98-146160). This list is also available through NTIS in electronic form (Accession Number PB98-502198). OMB Bulletin No. 98-06 and the current list of MAs are available electronically from the OMB home page; go to OMB Documents/Selected OMB Bulletins.

For further information on MA standards and the statistical uses of MA definitions please call Suzann Evinger (202-395-7315). For information concerning the use of MA definitions in a particular Federal agency program, please contact the sponsoring agency directly.

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