

Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to comments@msha.gov, or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before March 22, 2004. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated in Arlington, Virginia this 12th day of February, 2004.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training

President's National Hire Veterans Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The President's National Hire Veterans Committee was established under 38 U.S.C. 4100 note Public Law 107-288, Jobs For Veterans Act, to furnish information to employers with respect to the training and skills of veterans and disabled veterans, and the advantages afforded employers by hiring veterans with such training and skills and to facilitate employment of veterans and disabled veterans through participation in Career One Stop national labor exchange, and other means.

The President's National Hire Veterans Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, Room 2216.

The committee will discuss raising employers awareness of the advantages of hiring veterans.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of February, 2004.

Frederic Juarbe Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before April 5, 2004. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested and will be provided once the appraisal is completed. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML) using one of the following means:

Mail: NARA (NWML), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001;
E-mail: records.mgt@nara.gov;
FAX: 301-837-3698.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports should so indicate in their request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul M. Wester, Jr., Director, Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road,

College Park, MD 20740-6001.
Telephone: 301-837-3120. E-mail: records.mgt@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

No Federal records are authorized for destruction without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted only after a thorough consideration of their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not they have historical or other value.

Besides identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this public notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or indicates agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency. This notice provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction). It also includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it too includes information about the records. Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (N1-462-03-1, 9 items, 9 temporary items).

Records relating to state meat and poultry inspection programs. Included are such records as state performance plans, agreements, comprehensive reviews, quarterly reports, and electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

2. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (N1-370-03-4, 16 items, 16 temporary items). Records of Weather Forecast Offices and River Forecast Centers relating to the management of observation stations and to the evaluation of the quality of the observations they produce. Included are such records as station management files, station inspection files, station disaster preparedness files, station duty manuals, and electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

3. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (N1-370-03-5, 45 items, 45 temporary items). Records of the National Weather Service's Office of Operational Systems. Included are files relating to such matters as radio frequency assignments, spectrum allocation, interference cases, and software recommendations. Also included are data, system documentation, inputs, and outputs associated with such systems as the Automated Surface Observing System, the Engineering Management Reporting System, the Unscheduled Outage System, the Management Information Retrieval System, and systems used for tracking software updates to agency radar systems. Also included are weather-observing site/system commissioning files, equipment testing files, after-action and status reports, weather radio coverage maps, high frequency satellite communication systems files, and electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

4. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (N1-442-02-2, 6 items, 4 temporary items). Routine supporting documents relating to manuscripts and final reports of research studies. Included are records relating to administrative and logistical aspects of studies and other records that do not contribute to the understanding of the final report. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Recordkeeping copies of reports and substantive supporting materials are proposed for permanent retention.

5. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (N1-560-03-6, 11 items, 10 temporary items). Correspondence, incident reports, investigative files, and security monitoring camera images accumulated by the Office of Security. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of annual Freedom of Information Act reports.

6. Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard (N1-26-04-2, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Strip charts containing data used to ensure the accuracy of the Omega radio navigation system. Records, which were accumulated 1973-1984, were previously approved for permanent retention.

7. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (N1-170-04-1, 9 items, 9 temporary items). Polygraph program files documenting the findings and conclusions of polygraph examinations performed in support of drug enforcement investigations, employment applications, and integrity issues. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing.

8. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (N1-436-03-5, 10 items, 4 temporary items). Outputs of the National Field Office Case Information System, which is used to collect, disseminate, manage, and analyze investigative and inspection data. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are the master data files relating to investigations and inspections, along with public use versions, and related system documentation.

9. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (N1-65-04-1, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Documentation created as a result of career board deliberations relating to filling special agent vacancies at the GS-14 and GS-15 level, including electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

10. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration (N1-271-02-1, 138 items, 128 temporary items). Revised comprehensive schedule for the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), including the Divisions of Federal Employees' Compensation (FECA), Coal Mineworkers' Compensation, and

Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (DLHWC). Included are such records as FECA, Coal Mineworkers, and DLHWC compensation case files, summaries of payments for medical, rehabilitation, and other health services, listings of approved and excluded providers, general correspondence, subject files, work measurement reports, training and internal planning records, tracking and imaging systems, x-ray files, and speeches. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing applications. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of such records as OWCP publications, DLHWC directives, published annual and special reports, OWCP directives and bulletins, FECA bulletins, and the Black Lung Accounting System, Claimant and Payment Subsystem and the Medical Bill Processing System databases.

11. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (N1-257-04-2, 8 items, 8 temporary items). Copies of collective bargaining agreements and related records, such as listings of agreements held by the agency and requests for copies received from the public. Agreements, which were previously approved for permanent retention, will be disposed of by transfer to the Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation at Cornell University.

12. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (N1-257-03-2, 7 items, 7 temporary items). Computer Century Conversion (Y2K) Files, including policy and planning files, system inventories, and verification reports. Also included are electronic copies of records created using word processing and electronic mail.

13. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (N1-318-04-7, 7 items, 7 temporary items). Records relating to administrative services, including such records as A-76 studies, administrative services program files, and electronic systems used to track the distribution of forms and other administrative activities. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

14. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (N1-318-04-8, 35 items, 35 temporary items). Records relating to security, including such records as investigation files, surveys, security research files, facility security files, building surveillance tapes, police activity and operations records, police training records, and police supply files. Also included are electronic copies of records

created using electronic mail and word processing.

15. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (N1-318-04-22, 16 items, 15 temporary items). Records relating to agency policies and procedures including working files, bulletins, non-controlled directives, indexes to directives, and operational work instructions and manuals. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of manuals, circulars, and policy directives.

16. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Office of Arbitration Services (N1-280-03-2, 16 items, 16 temporary items). Records relating to arbitration services, including such records as general correspondence, lists of arbitrators and information concerning them, requests for arbitration panels, and records relating to notices of appeal, including an electronic database. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing.

17. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Office of Education and Training (N1-280-03-3, 10 items, 9 temporary items). Records relating to education and training, such as needs evaluation and assessment records, employee training records, and financial records. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of training materials.

18. National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Service—Washington, DC (N2-257-03-1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Copies of collective bargaining agreements covering the period 1891-1945 and 1958-1981 accumulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Records were transferred to the National Archives but are not of sufficient historical value to warrant continued retention by the National Archives. Records will be disposed of by transfer to the Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation at Cornell University.

Dated: February 3, 2004.

Michael J. Kurtz,

Assistant Archivist for Record Services—Washington, DC.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that that a teleconference meeting of the Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel (Arts Education section) to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20506 on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Room 703. This meeting will be closed.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 30, 2003, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The Title of the Information Collection:* NRC Form 314—Certificate of Disposition of Materials.

2. *Current OMB Approval Number:* 3150-0028.

3. *How Often the Collection is Required:* The form is submitted once, when a licensee terminates its license.

4. *Who is Required or Asked to Report:* Persons holding an NRC license for the possession and use of radioactive byproduct, source, or special nuclear material who are ceasing licensed activities and terminating the license.

5. *The Number of Annual Respondents:* 310.

6. *The Number of Hours Needed Annually to Complete the Requirement or Request:* 155 hours.

7. *Abstract:* NRC Form 314 furnishes information to NRC regarding transfer or other disposition of radioactive material by licensees who wish to terminate their licenses. The information is used by NRC as part of the basis for its determination that the facility has been cleared of radioactive material before the facility is released for unrestricted use.

Submit, by April 19, 2004, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-5 F52, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail to infocollects@nrc.gov.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of February, 2004.