

radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternative with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to the action would be to deny the request. Denial of the exemption request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Haddam Neck Plant.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 1, 1998, the NRC staff consulted with Mr. Dwayne Gardner of the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated June 19, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the Local Public Document Room at the Russell Public Library, 123 Broad Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Seymour H. Weiss,**

*Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*  
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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Plant Operations and on Fire Protection; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittees on Plant Operations and on Fire Protection will hold a joint meeting on July 29, 1998, at the NRC Region II Office, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Suite 23 T85, Atlanta, Georgia.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Wednesday, July 29, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business*

The Subcommittees will meet with the NRC Region II personnel to discuss Region II activities and other items of mutual interest, including significant operating events, on-line maintenance, plant performance review program, results of the pilot fire protection functional inspection, and other fire protection issues. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittees, along with any of their consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of Region II personnel and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted

therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Amarjit Singh (telephone 301/415-6899) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

**Medhat M. El-Zeftawy,**

*Acting Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on June 12, 1998 (63 FR 32258). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between May 1, 1998, and May 31, 1998, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published annually.

### **Schedule A**

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during May 1998.

### **Schedule B**

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during May 1998.

### **Schedule C**

The following Schedule C authorities were established during May 1998.

*Department of Agriculture*

Staff Assistant to the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Effective May 6, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. Effective May 6, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Economic Research Service. Effective May 19, 1998.

*Department of Commerce*

Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective May 12, 1998.

Director of Planning and Scheduling to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective May 12, 1998.

Director, Secretariat for Electronic Commerce to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective May 22, 1998.

Deputy Director of Advance to the Director of Advance, Office of External Affairs. Effective May 26, 1998.

*Department of Defense*

Special Assistant for Health Care Policy to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Effective May 15, 1998.

*Department of Education*

Director, Corporate Liaison to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective May 6, 1998.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Constituent Relations to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective May 21, 1998.

*Department of Energy*

Special Assistant for External Programs to the Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. Effective May 13, 1998.

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 6, 1998.

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective May 21, 1998.

Deputy Director for Operations to the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 21, 1998.

Deputy Director for Policy to the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective May 21, 1998.

*Department of the Interior*

Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Land Management. Effective May 6, 1998.

Communications Director to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Effective May 20, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective May 21, 1998.

*Department of Labor*

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor. Effective May 8, 1998.

*Department of State*

Staff Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and White House Liaison. Effective May 14, 1998.

Protocol Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Protocol. Effective May 22, 1998.

*Federal Trade Commission*

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective May 27, 1998.

*General Services Administration*

Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator, Great Lakes Region. Effective May 22, 1998.

*Office of Management and Budget*

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Budget. Effective May 6, 1998.

*Office of National Drug Control Policy*

Press Relations Assistant (Typing) to the Chief of Press Relations, Office of Public Affairs. Effective May 12, 1998.

*Office of Personnel Management*

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 12, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 12, 1998.

*Office of the United States Trade Representative*

Congressional Affairs Specialist to the Assistant United States Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs. Effective May 13, 1998.

*Small Business Administration*

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs to the Assistant Administrator for Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective May 14, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access. Effective May 14, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Administrator. Effective May 22, 1998.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P. 218  
Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD****Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

**Summary of Proposal(s)**

(1) *Collection title:* Earnings Information Request.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-19-F.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0184.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 9/30/1998.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,500.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 1,500.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 200.

(10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month(s) in which the beneficiary works for a railroad or earns more than prescribed amounts. The collection obtains earnings information not previously or erroneously reported by a beneficiary.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Investment Company Act Release No. 23295; 812-11106]**

**First American Investment Funds, Inc. et al.; Notice of Application**

June 30, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").