

and operate the proposed facility. If granted, both the NRC license and the BIA lease could be renewed. BLM's action is to either grant one or deny both requests for rights-of-way through public land administered by the BLM for transporting SNF from the existing rail line to the proposed facility site. Approval of the proposed action would require amending the Pony Express Resource Management Plan. STB's action is to grant or deny PFS's application for a license to construct and operate a new rail line to the proposed facility site.

This FEIS sets forth not only the Cooperating Agencies' evaluation of the proposed action (Alternative 1) described above, but also their evaluation of the environmental impacts of the alternative actions. Alternatives involving the Skull Valley site include an alternative site location on the Reservation (known as Site B), and an alternative transportation method (i.e., heavy-haul vehicles). Consideration of an alternative site location on the Reservation and an alternative transportation method resulted in evaluating the following alternatives:

Alternative 2—the construction and operation of the proposed facility at Site B on the Reservation with a rail siding and a rail line similar to that described above.

Alternative 3—construction and operation of the proposed facility at Site A, construction and operation of a new Intermodal Transfer Facility (ITF) near Timpie, Utah, and use of heavy-haul vehicles to transport SNF to the Reservation.

Alternative 4—the construction and operation of the proposed facility at Site B with the same ITF and SNF transport described in Alternative 3 above.

Additionally, the FEIS compares the construction and operation of an SNF storage facility in Wyoming in lieu of the Skull Valley site. This comparison was made to determine if an identified alternative site is obviously superior to the proposed site. Lastly, the FEIS sets forth the Cooperating Agencies' evaluation of the No-Action Alternative, i.e., not to construct and operate the proposed facility in Skull Valley. Under the No-Action Alternative, the potential impacts of constructing and operating the proposed facility and associated SNF transportation facilities in Skull Valley would not occur.

As set forth in the FEIS, the Cooperating Agencies assessed the impacts of the proposed action and its alternatives on minerals, soils, water resources, air quality, ecological resources, socioeconomics and community resources, cultural

resources, human health impact, noise, scenic qualities, recreation, and environmental justice. Additionally, the NRC staff performed an analysis and comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed action.

Based on the evaluation in the FEIS, the NRC staff's preferred alternative is the proposed action, with implementation of the mitigation measures that the Cooperating Agencies propose be required. The BIA lease will not be approved or disapproved unless the NRC issues a license to PFS, and commitments to the mitigation measures are made by PFS. BIA did not indicate a preferred alternative in the DEIS, however in the FEIS, BIA has chosen the proposed action, based on consideration of environmental impacts and mitigation measures identified in the FEIS. A BLM decision to grant a right-of-way to PFS would be dependent upon the decisions made by the NRC and BIA. If the NRC issues a license to PFS for the proposed facility and BIA approves the lease, then BLM's preferred alternative would be to amend the Pony Express Resource Management Plan and issue a right-of-way for the new rail siding and rail line. Absent such findings by the NRC and BIA, BLM would not grant either of PFS' rights-of-way requests. BLM would require resolution of a planning restriction imposed by Section 2815 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, and completion of the plan amendment process in accordance with 43 CFR part 1600, prior to issuance of the right-of-way grant. Based on the information and analysis to date, the STB environmental review staff has concluded that the proposed project, with the implementation of the mitigation measures that the Cooperating Agencies propose be required, would not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and that construction and operation of the proposed rail line is the environmentally preferred alternative.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of January 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**E. William Brach,**

*Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 8th day of January 2002.

For the Surface Transportation Board.

**Victoria J. Rutson,**

*Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis.*

Dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 9th day of January 2002.

For the Bureau of Land Management.

**Glenn A. Carpenter,**

*Field Office Manager, Salt Lake Field Office.*

Dated at Phoenix, Arizona, this 9th day of January 2002.

For the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**Barry W. Welch,**

*Acting Director, Western Regional Office.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request for Review of an Expiring  
Information Collection: SF 3102**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for an expiring collection. SF 3102, Designation of Beneficiary, is used by employees and annuitants covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death.

Approximately 1,136 SF 3102 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 284 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—John C. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel

Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:** Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis & Design, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request for Review of an Expiring  
Information Collection: SF 2809**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of an expiring information collection. SF 2809, Employee Health Benefits Election Form, is used by Federal employees, certain separated former Federal employees, and former dependents of Federal employees, to enroll for health insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program. Certain former spouses who are eligible for enrollment under the Spouse Equity Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-615), and former employees and former dependents who are eligible for enrollment under the Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) provisions of FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8905a) also use this form.

Approximately 9,000 SF 2809 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 4,500 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological

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**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—Abby L. Block, Assistant Director, Office of Insurance Programs, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3400, Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:** Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request for Review of an Expiring  
Information Collection: SF 2809-1**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of an expiring collection. SF 2809-1, Annuitant/OWCP Health Benefits Election Form, is used by annuitants of Federal retirement systems other than the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), including the Foreign Service Retirement System and the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), and certain former dependents of these individuals. These former dependents include certain former spouses who are eligible for enrollment under the Spouse Equity Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-615), and certain former dependents who are eligible for enrollment under the Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) provisions of FEHB law (5 U.S.C. 8905a).

Approximately 9,000 SF 2809-1 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden will be 4,500 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before March 19, 2002.

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**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:** Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis & Design, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL  
MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request for Review of a Revised  
Information Collection: RI 38-45**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 38-45, We Need the Social Security Number of the