

directives to create a "questioning attitude" for its workers to challenge management on nuclear safety issues without fear of harassment, intimidation, or reprisals by NU.

3. Refer the Nuclear Oversight Focus 98 List and the reported NU management attempt to destroy the list to the Department of Justice for investigation of a potential coverup.

As a basis for the Petitioners' request to revoke the Millstone licenses, the Petition states that an NU document (Nuclear Oversight's Focus 98 List dated January 11, 1998) directs the group to address areas needing improvement by focusing on the "inability to isolate cynics from the group culture" and "pockets of negativism." The Petition further states that the list demonstrates the sustained and unrelenting policy of NU's senior management to undermine a safety-conscious workplace at Millstone and that despite 2 years of increased regulatory scrutiny of the managerial mistreatment of its workers and the corporation's mismanagement of its employees' safety concerns program, a "chilled atmosphere" remains intact and entrenched.

As a basis for the Petitioners' request for a Department of Justice investigation, the Petition makes the following statement: "Since it has been reported that NU management employees attempted to destroy the list, NRC has a duty to refer this apparent deliberate attempt to evade the otherwise lawful exercise of authority by NRC to the Department of Justice for complete investigation. This alleged attempt to cover up wrong doing by NRC's licensee is a potential obstruction of justice that should be fully and fairly investigated."

The NRC staff is also concerned about the issues the Petitioners raised in their Petition. As a result, the staff issued a letter dated February 10, 1998, to the licensee requesting more information on this issue. The NRC staff will consider the licensee's response to the staff's request for additional information before the Commission allows restart of any Millstone unit. To this extent, the Petitioners' request for immediate action is partially granted. The Petitioners' specific requests to immediately revoke the operating licenses and refer the incident to the Department of Justice are denied because immediate action is not required to protect public health and safety while additional information is obtained from the licensee.

The issues in the Petition are being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations and have been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. As

provided by 10 CFR 2.206, appropriate action with regard to these issues will be taken in a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and at the temporary local public document room located at the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Samuel J. Collins,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of an Information Collection: Form RI 25-37

**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 an information collection. Form RI 25-37, Evidence to Prove Dependency of a Child, is designed to collect sufficient information for the OPM to be able to determine whether the surviving child of a deceased Federal employee is eligible to receive benefits as a dependent child.

Approximately 250 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 60 minutes to assemble the needed documentation. The annual burden is 250 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:

- Whether this collection of 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 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 use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before May 19, 1998.

**ADDRESS:** Send or deliver comments to—Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

### FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:** Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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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 part 213 on November 24, 1997 (62 FR 62648). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between October 1, 1997, and January 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 will also be published.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established during October 1997.

One Schedule A authority was established during November 1997:

*Department of Agriculture*

Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation. Executive Director. Effective November 19, 1997.

The following Schedule A Authority was established during December 1997:

*Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board*

Up to 30 positions established to create the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. No new appointments may be made under this authority after December 31, 1998. Effective December 3, 1997.

No Schedule A Authorities were established during January 1998.

No Schedule A authorities were revoked during October or November 1997.

The following single-agency Schedule A exceptions were revoked effective December 31, 1997, because the positions are now covered under Governmentwide Schedule A authorities:

*Department of the Army*

Five hundred Medical and Dental Intern, Resident and Fellow positions whose incumbents are paid stipends, not to exceed 4 years.

*Department of Defense*

Positions at GS-3/12 when filled by National Security Education Program scholarship or fellowship recipients, not to exceed 4 years.

*Defense Contract Audit Agency*

Two positions of Auditor, GS-511-14, under an Accounting Fellowship Program, not to exceed 2 years.

*General Services Administration*

Twenty-five positions at grades GS-14/15 in order to bring current industry experience into the agency, not to exceed 2 years.

Law Clerk positions in the Board of Contract Appeals' Law Clerk Fellows Program, not to exceed 2 years.

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Ten positions, GS-9/14, under the Policy Research Associate Program, not to exceed 2 years.

*Public Health Service*

Five positions of Medical Technologist Resident, GS-644-7, in the National Institutes of Health, not to exceed 1 year.

Medical and dental interns, externs, residents, and student nurses.

Positions of a scientific, professional or technical nature filled by students who are paid stipends, when the work performed is used as a basis for completing academic requirements.

Twelve positions of Therapeutic Radiologic Technician Trainee in the National Cancer Institute filled by individuals who are paid stipends.

Pharmacy Resident positions, GS-7/9, in the National Institutes of Health, not to exceed 12 months pending licensure.

Hospital Administration Resident positions, GS-9, in the National Institutes of Health, not to exceed 1 year.

Thirty positions, GS-11/13, associated with the postdoctoral training program for interdisciplinary toxicologists, National Institutes of Health, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

*Health Care Financing Administration*

Ten professional positions, GS-9/15, filled under a Professional Exchange Program, not to exceed 1 year.

*Department of the Navy*

Positions of Student Pharmacist whose incumbents are paid stipends.

Fifty positions of resident-in-training whose incumbents are paid stipends.

Student Operating Room Technician positions whose incumbents are paid stipends.

Student Social Worker positions whose incumbents are paid stipends.

Student Practical Nurse positions filled by trainees enrolled in a non-Federal institution who are paid stipends.

Medical Technology Intern positions filled by students enrolled in non-Federal training programs who are paid stipends.

Medical Intern positions filled by persons serving in non-Federal hospitals who are paid stipends.

Student Speech Pathologist positions filled by persons enrolled in non-Federal institutions who are paid stipends.

Student Dental Assistant positions filled by persons enrolled in non-Federal institutions who are paid stipends.

*Securities and Exchange Commission*

Seven positions of Accountant and Auditor, GS-13/15, filled under the Accounting Fellow Program, not to exceed 2 years.

Two positions of Accountant and Auditor, GS-13/15, to provide a period of transition between Accounting Fellow Program fellowships.

Positions of Economist, GS-13/15, under the Economic Fellow Program, not to exceed 2 years.

Ten positions, GS-12/15, of Accounting Fellows for the Full Disclosure Program, not to exceed 2 years.

Four positions, GS-14/15, of Accounting Fellows for the Capital Markets Risk Assessment Program, not to exceed 2 years.

*Department of the Treasury*

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Positions under the Professional Accounting Fellow Program, not to exceed 2 years.

No Schedule A authorities were revoked during January 1998.

**Schedule B**

No Schedule B authorities were established during October, November and December 1997 or during January 1998.

No Schedule B authorities were revoked during October 1997.

The following Schedule B authority was revoked during November 1997:

*U.S. Information Agency*

Positions of English Language Radio Broadcast Intern, GS-1001-5/7/9. Employment is not to exceed 2 years for any intern. Effective November 28, 1997.

The following single-agency Schedule B exceptions were revoked effective December 31, 1997 because the positions are now covered under a Governmentwide Schedule A authority:

*Department of the Army*

Four Medical Officer (Surgery) positions at the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

*Department of Defense*

Positions at GS-11/15 under Defense Policy Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, not to exceed 2 years.

*Department of Energy*

Three Exceptions and Appeals Analyst positions under a fellowship program in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, not to exceed 3 years.

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Ten positions of Librarian, GS-9, under a Library Associate Training Program in the National Library of Medicine, not to exceed 1 year.

*Department of State*

Four Physical Science Administration Officer positions at GS-11/13 under a Science, Engineering and Diplomacy Fellowship Program, not to exceed 2½ years.

No Schedule B exceptions were revoked during January 1998.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during October, November, December 1997 and January 1998:

#### *Agency for International Development*

Congressional Liaison Officer to the Chief of Legislative and Public Affairs, Congressional Liaison Division. Effective October 31, 1997.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Administrator. Effective November 14, 1997.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Chief, Legislative and Public Affairs, Public Liaison Division. Effective November 14, 1997.

#### *Commission on Civil Rights*

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective October 30, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Staff Director, Office of the Staff Director. Effective January 28, 1998.

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service. Effective October 9, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective October 9, 1997.

Special Assistant for Nutrition Education to the Administrator, Food and Consumer Service. Effective October 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. Effective October 21, 1997.

Speech Writer to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective October 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator for Food and Consumer Service. Effective October 30, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service. Effective October 30, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective October 30, 1997.

Director, Intergovernmental Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective November 12, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Risk Management Agency. Effective November 12, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective November 19, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, Farm Service Agency. Effective November 19, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective November 20, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Rural Business Service. Effective November 20, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Risk Management Agency. Effective December 2, 1997.

Director, Community Outreach Division to the Deputy Administrator, Community Development. Effective December 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator, Rural Business Service. Effective December 4, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service. Effective December 4, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Animal and Plant Inspection Service. Effective December 8, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Community Development. Effective December 11, 1997.

Director, Legislative Affairs Staff to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective January 8, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service. Effective January 28, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary. Effective January 30, 1998.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 9, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective October 17, 1997.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 17, 1997.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration. Effective October 17, 1997.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 17, 1997.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for International Trade. Effective October 21, 1997.

Director of Advance to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective October 21, 1997.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective October 30, 1997.

Deputy Director of Advance to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective October 30, 1997.

Director of Congressional Affairs to the Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks. Effective October 31, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective November 6, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Commerce. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective December 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective December 16, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective December 23, 1997.

#### *Department of Defense*

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Effective October 1, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective October 1, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology). Effective October 7, 1997.

Director for Community Relations and Communications Strategy to the Assistant Secretary for Public Relations. Effective October 24, 1997.

Staff Specialist to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Effective October 24, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Effective October 27, 1997.

Staff Specialist to the Director, NATO Policy. Effective October 30, 1997.

Director of Public Services to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs). Effective November 19, 1997.

Civilian Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Effective November 21, 1997.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation. Effective December 8, 1997.

Director of Protocol to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 11, 1997.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). Effective December 11, 1997.

Special Assistant for Health Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs. Effective January 7, 1998.

#### *Department of Education*

Press Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective October 9, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Effective October 16, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Effective October 16, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education. Effective October 24, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Effective November 20, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective January 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Advisor to the Secretary (Director, America Reads Challenge). Effective January 5, 1998.

Director, White House Initiatives on Tribal Colleges and Universities to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Effective January 21, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective January 23, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary. Effective January 30, 1998.

#### *Department of Energy*

Staff Assistant to the Director, Scheduling and Advance. Effective November 14, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective November 21, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity. Effective December 11, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Energy. Effective December 11, 1997.

White House Liaison to the Secretary of Energy. Effective December 11, 1997.

Special Assistant for Management Reform to the Secretary of Energy. Effective December 19, 1997.

Senior Program Advisor to the Associate Deputy Secretary for Field Management. Effective January 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Energy Research. Effective January 7, 1998.

#### *Department of Health and Human Services*

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective October 3, 1997.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Indian Health Service. Effective October 24, 1997.

Director, Division of Intergovernmental Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families. Effective October 24, 1997.

Confidential Assistant (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling. Effective November 21, 1997.

Confidential Assistant (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling. Effective November 21, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Effective December 31, 1997.

Director of Speechwriting to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Media). Effective January 13, 1998.

#### *Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Senior Assistant for Congressional Relations to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective October 3, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Director of Special Actions. Effective October 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat. Effective October 27, 1997.

Director of Executive Secretariat (DAS for Administrative Services) to the Chief of Staff for Operations. Effective October 29, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Executive Scheduling. Effective November 4, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective November 6, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Federal Housing and Equal Opportunity. Effective November 24, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Empowerment. Effective November 24, 1997.

Briefing Coordinator to the Director, Executive Scheduling. Effective December 2, 1997.

General Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Public and

Indian Housing. Effective December 2, 1997.

Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Housing. Effective December 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective December 22, 1997.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective December 23, 1997.

Intergovernmental Relations Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective December 23, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective January 5, 1998.

Scheduling Assistant to the Director of Executive Scheduling. Effective January 21, 1998.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development. Effective January 27, 1998.

#### *Department of the Interior*

Special Assistant to the Chief Biologist. Effective October 21, 1997.

Communications Director to the Deputy Secretary of Interior. Effective October 24, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management. Effective November 7, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Director for External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Effective November 26, 1997.

Deputy Scheduler to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. Effective January 7, 1998.

Special Assistant and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Effective January 26, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. Effective January 29, 1998.

#### *Department of Justice*

Special Assistant to the Director, Violence Against Women Program Officer. Effective October 10, 1997.

Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General. Effective January 8, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General. Effective January 14, 1998.

#### *Department of Labor*

Secretary's Representative to the Associate Director, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 1, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 9, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration. Effective October 21, 1997.

Senior Public Affairs Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective October 21, 1997.

Staff Assistant (Scheduling) to the Director, Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 30, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective November 21, 1997.

Attorney-Advisor (Labor) (Counsel to the Solicitor) to the Solicitor of Labor. Effective December 2, 1997.

Speech Writer to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 8, 1997.

Legislative Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Secretary to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective December 18, 1997.

Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Labor. Effective December 23, 1997.

Director of Public Liaison to the Secretary of Labor. Effective December 23, 1997.

Deputy Counselor to the Secretary of Labor. Effective December 23, 1997.

Legislative Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective January 8, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective January 8, 1998.

Legislative Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. Effective January 21, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 26, 1998.

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training. Effective January 28, 1998.

#### *Department of State*

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Global Affairs. Effective October 3, 1997.

Foreign Affairs Officer to the Deputy Director. Effective October 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Economics, Business and Agricultural Affairs. Effective October 3, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective November 25, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective November 25, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective November 25, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs. Effective December 4, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Effective December 4, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Director of White House Liaison Staff, Office of the Under Secretary for Management. Effective December 4, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary. Effective December 4, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs. Effective January 22, 1998.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Effective January 22, 1998.

#### *Department of Transportation*

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 17, 1997.

Scheduling/Advance Assistant to the Director for Scheduling and Advance, Office of the Secretary. Effective October 30, 1997.

Director, Office of Public and Consumer Affairs to the Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Effective November 20, 1997.

Special Projects Director to the Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration. Effective December 16, 1997.

Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration. Effective December 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Associate Deputy Secretary. Effective January 5, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation. Effective January 26, 1998.

#### *Department of the Treasury*

Deputy Director for Advance to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 3, 1997.

Attorney-Advisor to the General Counsel. Effective October 23, 1997.

Executive Secretary to the Chief of Staff. Effective November 5, 1997.

Deputy Executive Secretary for Policy Analysis to the Executive Secretary. Effective November 28, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary (Enforcement). Effective November 28, 1997.

Deputy Executive Secretary for Policy Coordination to the Executive Secretary. Effective December 9, 1997.

Director, Office of Public and Business Liaison to the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Public Liaison). Effective December 11, 1997.

Director, Public and Business Liaison to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Liaison. Effective December 18, 1997.

Senior Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison. Effective January 8, 1998.

#### *Department of Veterans Affairs*

Executive Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs. Effective December 17, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective January 16, 1998.

#### *Environmental Protection Agency*

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs. Effective October 3, 1997.

Attorney-Advisor to the Associate General Counsel. Effective October 9, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Office of the Administrator. Effective October 16, 1997.

Deputy Associate Administrator to the Associate Administrator, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective December 17, 1997.

#### *Federal Emergency Management Agency*

Assistant to the Director for Special Events to the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Effective December 19, 1997.

#### *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

Attorney-Advisor (Public Utilities) to the General Counsel. Effective November 28, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to a Member. Effective December 17, 1997.

Technical Advisor to a Member of the Commission. Effective January 21, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to a Member of the Commission. Effective January 21, 1998.

#### *Federal Maritime Commission*

Executive Assistant to the Chairman. Effective October 30, 1997.

#### *Federal Trade Commission*

Special Assistant to a Commissioner. Effective January 5, 1998.

#### *General Services Administration*

Supervisory External Affairs Specialist to the Commissioner, Public Buildings Service. Effective January 26, 1998.

#### *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*

State, Local and Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist to the Associate Administrator for Policy and Plans. Effective October 3, 1997.

Staff Assistant to the White House Liaison Officer. Effective October 29, 1997.

*National Credit Union Administration*

Executive Assistant to the Board Member. Effective November 17, 1997.

*Office of National Drug Control Policy*

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Effective December 2, 1997.

*Office of Personnel Management*

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Director. Effective January 16, 1998.

*Overseas Private Investment Corporation*

Confidential Assistant to the President and Chief Executive Officer. Effective October 9, 1997.

Special Assistant for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs to the Managing Director, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective October 16, 1997.

Director, Protocol and Special Initiatives to the Vice President, Investment Development Department. Effective November 3, 1997.

*Securities and Exchange Commission*

Writer-Editor to the Chairman. Effective October 10, 1997.

Confidential Assistant to a Commissioner. Effective November 21, 1997.

*Selective Service System*

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Selective Service. Effective January 5, 1998.

*Small Business Administration*

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 21, 1997.

Director of External Affairs to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective November 5, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Administrator. Effective November 21, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective December 18, 1997.

Deputy Scheduler to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 5, 1998.

*U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency*

Congressional Affairs Specialist to the Director of Congressional Affairs. Effective December 8, 1997.

*United States Information Agency*

Media Relations Advisor to the Director, Office of Public Liaison. Effective November 12, 1997.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 3, 1997.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, New York Foreign Press Center, New York, NY. Effective December 18, 1997.

**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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**POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Postal Rate Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m. every weekday beginning April 13, 1998, through May 8, 1998.

**PLACE:** Commission Conference Room, 1333 H Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Issues in Docket No. R97-1.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Rate Commission, Suite 300, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20268-0001, (202) 789-6820.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

**Margaret P. Crenshaw,**  
*Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Certification Regarding Rights to Unemployment Benefits; OMB 3220-0079.

Under Section 4 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), an employee who leaves work voluntarily is disqualified for unemployment benefits unless the employee left work for good cause and is not qualified for unemployment benefits under any other law. RRB Form UI-45, Claimant's Statement—Voluntary Leaving of Work, is used by the RRB to obtain additional information needed to investigate a claim for unemployment benefits when the claimant indicates on RRB Form UI-1, Application for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service (OMB 3220-0022) that he has voluntarily left work. Completion of Form UI-45 is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is received from each respondent.

RRB Form UI-45 is being revised to include language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Non burden-impacting reformatting and editorial changes are also being proposed. The completion time for the UI-45 is estimated at 15 minutes per response. The RRB estimates that approximately 2,900 responses are received annually.

**Additional Information or Comments**

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (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. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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