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from mandatory separation in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8425(b) and 5 CFR 831.502(b)(1).

(i) Reemployment. An MWAA police officer who has been mandatorily separated under 5 U.S.C. 8425(b) is not barred from reemployment in any position except a FERS rigorous or secondary law enforcement officer position after age 60. Service by a reemployed former MWAA police officer who retired under 5 U.S.C. 8412(d) is not covered by the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8412(d).

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§842.901 Applicability and purpose.

- (a) This subpart contains regulations of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to supplement—
- (1) 5 U.S.C. 8412(d) and (e), which establish special retirement eligibility for law enforcement officers, fire-fighters, air traffic controllers, and nuclear materials couriers employed under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS);
- (2) 5 U.S.C. 8422(a), pertaining to deductions;
- (3) 5 U.S.C. 8423(a), pertaining to Government contributions; and
- (4) 5 U.S.C. 8425, pertaining to mandatory retirement.
- (b) The regulations in this subpart are issued pursuant to the authority given to OPM in 5 U.S.C. 8461(g) to prescribe regulations to carry out the provisions of 5 U.S.C. chapter 84 and in 5 U.S.C. 1104 to delegate authority for personnel management to the heads of agencies.

§842.902 Definitions.

Agency head means the Secretary of Energy. For purposes of this subpart, agency head is also deemed to include the designated representative of the Secretary of Energy, except that the designated representative must be a department headquarters-level official who reports directly to the Secretary of Energy, or to the Deputy Secretary

of Energy, and who is the sole such representative for the entire department.

Employee means an employee as defined by 5 U.S.C. 8401(11).

Nuclear materials courier means an employee of the Department of Energy, the duties of whose position are primarily to transport, and provide armed escort and protection during transit of, nuclear weapons, nuclear weapon components, strategic quantities of special nuclear materials or other materials related to national security, including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred directly to a supervisory or administrative position within the same Department of Energy organization, after performing this activity for at least 3 years. (See 5 U.S.C. 8331(27).)

Primary duties means those duties of a position that—

- (1)(i) Are paramount in influence or weight; that is, constitute the basic reasons for the existence of the position;
- (ii) Occupy a substantial portion of the individual's working time over a typical work cycle; and
- (iii) Are assigned on a regular and recurring basis.
- (2) Duties that are of an emergency, incidental, or temporary nature cannot be considered "primary" even if they meet the substantial portion of time criterion. In general, if an employee spends an average of at least 50 percent of his or her time performing a duty or group of duties, they are his or her primary duties.

Primary position means a position that is in an organization of the Department of Energy and whose primary duties are to transport, and provide armed escort and protection during transit of, nuclear weapons, nuclear weapon components, strategic quantities of special nuclear materials or other materials related to national security.

Secondary position means a position

- (1) Is clearly in the nuclear materials transportation field;
- (2) Is in an organization of the Department of Energy having a nuclear materials transportation mission; and
- (3) Is either—