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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**E. William Brach,**

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

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2002.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Week of August 12, 2002*

Tuesday, August 13, 2002

9:25 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Special Review Group Response to the Differing Professional Opinion/Differing Professional View (DPO/DPV) Review (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Craig, 301-425-1703)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)

Thursday, August 15, 2002

3 p.m.—Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9)

*Week of August 19, 2002—Tentative*

Wednesday, August 21, 2002

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on NRC International Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Janice Dunn Lee, 301-415-1780)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)

1:55 p.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

2 p.m.—Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zabko, 301-415-2308)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)

*Week of August 26, 2002—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 26, 2002.

*Week of September 2, 2002—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 2, 2002.

*Week of September 9, 2002—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 9, 2002.

*Week of September 16, 2002—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 16, 2002.

\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

Additional Information: By a vote of 5-0 on August 6 and 7, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed-Ex. 1 & 9)" be held on August 15, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: [www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html](http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html)

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: August 8, 2002.

**David Louis Gamberoni,**  
*Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions, granting authority to make appointments under Schedule A and Schedule C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.1 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are 1 Schedule A authority and the individual authorities established under Schedule C between June 1, 2002 and June 30, 2002. 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 each year.

### Schedule A

#### *Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board*

Six positions of either Chemical Incident Investigators or Chemical Safety Recommendations Specialist, in the Office of Investigations and Safety Programs. No new appointments may be made under this authority after September 30, 2002.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during June 2002:

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency. Effective June 7, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service. Effective June 14, 2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. Effective June 18, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service. Effective June 19, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Office of Community Development. Effective June 19, 2002.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Deputy Director to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective June 4, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development,

International Trade Administration.  
Effective June 13, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff.  
Effective June 14, 2002.

Policy Advisor to the Chief of Staff.  
Effective June 18, 2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Director,  
Office of Public Affairs. Effective June  
20, 2002.

#### *Department of Defense*

Research Assistant to the Deputy  
Assistant Secretary of Defense for Issues  
and Strategy Management. Effective  
June 4, 2002.

Defense Fellow to the Special  
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for  
White House Liaison. Effective June 6,  
2002.

Director of Protocol to the Special  
Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy  
Secretary of Defense. Effective June 13,  
2002.

Defense Fellow to the Special  
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense  
(White House Liaison). Effective June  
14, 2002.

#### *Department of Education*

Director, Faith-Based and Community  
Initiatives Center to the Secretary of  
Education. Effective June 6, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Intergovernmental and  
Interagency Affairs. Effective June 7,  
2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary, Office of Vocational and  
Adult Education. Effective June 18,  
2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy  
Assistant Secretary for Legislation and  
Congressional Affairs. Effective June 21,  
2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Elementary and Secondary  
Education. Effective June 25, 2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy  
Assistant Secretary for Regional  
Services. Effective June 25, 2002.

#### *Department of Energy*

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Fossil Energy. Effective  
June 6, 2002.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget  
and Appropriations to the Assistant  
Secretary for Congressional and  
Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective  
June 7, 2002.

Senior Advisor to the Executive  
Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory  
Board. Effective June 12, 2002.

Program Manager (Energy Reliability)  
to the Director, Office of Security.  
Effective June 24, 2002.

Senior Manager of Public Affairs,  
National Nuclear Security  
Administration to the Director,

Congressional Intergovernmental and  
Public Affairs. Effective June 26, 2002.

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

Special Assistant to the White House  
Liaison for Political Personnel, Boards  
and Commissioners. Effective June 5,  
2002.

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

Staff Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective  
June 4, 2002.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Economic Affairs to the Assistant  
Secretary for Community Planning and  
Development. Effective June 11, 2002.

Staff Assistant to the Director,  
Executive Scheduling. Effective June 27,  
2002.

#### *Department of the Interior*

Special Assistant to the Director, Fish  
and Wildlife Service. Effective June 7,  
2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks.  
Effective June 14, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Director, Fish  
and Wildlife Service. Effective June 21,  
2002.

Special Assistant to the Deputy  
Director for External Affairs. Effective  
June 26, 2002.

#### *Department of Justice*

Special Assistant for International  
Protocol to the Director, Office of  
International Affairs, Criminal Division.  
Effective June 10, 2002.

Counsel to the Director, Office of  
International Affairs. Effective June 20,  
2002.

Secretary (OA) to the Assistant United  
States Attorney, Northern District of  
Oklahoma. Effective June 25, 2002.

Secretary (OA) to the United States  
Attorney, Eastern District of Arkansas.  
Effective June 25, 2002.

#### *Department of Labor*

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Office of Congressional  
and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective  
June 3, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective  
June 7, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Director,  
Office of Faith Based and Community  
Initiatives. Effective June 7, 2002.

Staff Assistant to the White House  
Liaison. Effective June 19, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Director,  
Office of Public Liaison. Effective June  
26, 2002.

Deputy Director to the Director, Office  
of Faith-Based and Community  
Initiatives. Effective June 26, 2002.

Staff Assistant to the Executive  
Assistant to the Secretary of Labor.  
Effective June 26, 2002.

#### *Department of State*

Foreign Affairs Officer to the  
Coordinator for United States Assistance  
to Europe and Eurasia. Effective June 7,  
2002.

Executive Assistance to the Inspector  
General. Effective June 13, 2002.

Staff Assistant to the Director, White  
House Liaison. Effective June 13, 2002.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Resource Management.  
Effective June 13, 2002.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant  
Secretary, International Narcotics and  
Law Enforcement Affairs. Effective June  
13, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Coordinator,  
International Information Program.  
Effective June 13, 2002.

Foreign Affairs Officer to the  
Assistant Secretary for Western  
Hemisphere Affairs. Effective June 14,  
2002.

Office Director (Foreign Affairs) to the  
Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human  
Rights and Labor. Effective June 19,  
2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Resource Management.  
Effective June 20, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Deputy  
Assistant Secretary. Effective June 26,  
2002.

Resource, Plans, and Policy Advisor  
to the Assistant Secretary for Resource  
Management. Effective June 26, 2002.

Legislative Analyst to the Assistant  
Secretary for Legislative Affairs.  
Effective June 27, 2002.

Resources, Plans and Policy Advisor  
to the Assistant Secretary for Resource  
Management. Effective June 28, 2002.

#### *Department of Transportation*

Senior Advisor to the Maritime  
Administrator. Effective June 20, 2002.

#### *Department of Veterans Affairs*

Special Assistant to the Assistant  
Secretary for Public and  
Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective  
June 5, 2002.

#### *Environmental Protection Agency*

Program Advisor (Advance Person) to  
the Administrator. Effective June 4,  
2002.

Special Assistant (Advance Person) to  
the Administrator. Effective June 7,  
2002.

Director of Long Term  
Communication Planning to the  
Administrator. Effective June 14, 2002.

Director, Advance Staff to the Director of Long-Range Communications Planning. Effective June 21, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for the Office of Public Affairs. Effective June 21, 2002.

*Federal Emergency Management Agency*

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Director, Administration and Planning Resource Directorate. Effective June 6, 2002.

Executive Assistant to the Assistant Director, Administration and Resource Planning. Effective June 7, 2002.

*General Services Administration*

Events Management Specialist to the Director of External Affairs. Effective June 18, 2002.

*National Credit Union Administration*

Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs to the Director of Public and Congressional Affairs. Effective June 3, 2002.

*Office of National Drug Control Policy*

Press Secretary (Assistant Director) to the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Effective June 5, 2002.

*Office of the United States Trade Representative*

Confidential Assistant to the Chief Agricultural Negotiator. Effective June 11, 2002.

*Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation*

Assistant Executive Director for Legislative Affairs to the Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Effective June 7, 2002.

*Small Business Administration*

Assistant Scheduler to the Administrator, Small Business Administration. Effective June 10, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective June 12, 2002.

Deputy Press Secretary and Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective June 20, 2002.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access. Effective June 26, 2002.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954—1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kay Coles James,**

*Director.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-46319; File No. SR-OCC-2002-12]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; the Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Accelerating the Maturity Date for Certain Adjusted Security Futures Contracts**

August 6, 2002.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on June 25, 2002, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by OCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested parties.

**I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The proposed rule change would amend OCC Rule 1304 to permit OCC to accelerate the maturity date of security futures contracts that have been adjusted to call only for the delivery of a fixed amount of cash.

**II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, OCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.<sup>2</sup>

*(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to permit OCC to accelerate the maturity date of security futures contracts that have been adjusted to call only for delivery of a fixed amount of cash. If the issuer of an underlying security were party to a cash merger in which its stock was converted into a

right to receive cash only, futures on that stock would ordinarily be adjusted to call for delivery of the cash. Under the proposed rule change, OCC would have authority to accelerate the maturity dates of the adjusted futures to fall on or shortly after the effective date of the merger. The final settlement price for all accelerated futures, regardless of maturity date, would be fixed at the amount of cash into which the underlying security has been converted.

The proposed rule change parallels OCC Rule 807, which applies to European-style FLEX equity options. Acceleration of the expiration date for European-style options that have been adjusted to call for delivery of cash results in the acceleration of the options' ability to be exercised and therefore in the acceleration of payment of the exercise settlement amount to the holder if the option is in the money. Futures contracts, by contrast, are marked to market daily and settlement of an accelerated contract will occur through a final mark-to-market payment based on the amount of cash into which the underlying security has been converted. Like Rule 807, the proposed rule change would relieve market participants of the burden of continuing to maintain and account for open interest in contracts that no longer are subject to increases or decreases in value.

The proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of section 17A of the Act<sup>3</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to OCC because it promotes the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, fosters cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in the clearance and settlement of securities transactions, removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, and in general, protects investors and the public interest.

*(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

*(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others*

Written comments were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change and none have been received. OCC will notify the

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by OCC.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.