

Privacy Act of 1974 System of Records Notice

U.S. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Name RRB-29: Railroad Employees' Annual Gross Earnings Master File

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System Location U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois

60611-2092.

Security Classification None.

Categories of Individuals Covered by the System Railroad workers whose social security account number ends in ``30".

Categories of Records in the

System

Gross earnings by individual by month, quarter or year.

Authority for Maintenance of

the System

Section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C.

231f(c)(2))

Purpose(s) The purpose of this system is to maintain gross earnings reports for

Financial Interchange sample employees for use in the calculation of payroll tax amounts used in the financial interchange determinations.

Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and Purposes of Such Uses

None.

Disclosure to Consumer Reporting Agencies None.

Policies and Practices for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining, and Disposing of Records in the System

Storage Paper, Magnetic tape and Magnetic disk.

Retrievability Social security account number.

Safeguards Paper: Maintained in areas not accessible to the public in locking filing

cabinents. Access is limited to authorizied RRB employees. Offices are locked during non-business hours. Building has 24 hour on-site security officers, closed circuit television monitoring and intrusion detection

systems.

Magnetic tape and magnetic disk: Computer and computer storage rooms are restricted to authorized personnel; on-line query safeguards include a lock/unlock password system, a terminal oriented transaction matrix, role based access controls and audit trail. For computerized records

electronically transmitted between headquarters and field office locations, system securities are established in accordance with National Institute of

Standards and Technology (NIST) guidelines, including network



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monitoring, defenses in-depth, incident response and forensics. In addition to the on-line query safeguards, they include encryption of all data

transmitted and exclusive use of leased telephone lines.

Retention and Disposal

Paper: Original reports retained for six years, Final summarized file retained for five years, then destroyed in accordance with NIST guidelines.

Magnetic tape: Magnetic tape records are retained for 90 days and then written over following NIST guidelines. For disaster recovery purposes certain tapes are stored 12-18 months.

Magnetic disk: Original reports retained for six years, Final summarized file retained for five years, after which the data is securely erased. When magnetic disk or other electronic media is no longer required or servicable, it is sanitized in accordance with NIST guidelines.

System Manager(s) and Address

Chief of Benefit and Employment Analysis, Bureau of the Actuary, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092

Notification Procedure

Requests for information regarding an individual's record should be in writing addressed to the System Manager identified above, including the full name and social security account number and claim number of the individual. Before information about any record will be released, the System Manager may require the individual to provide proof of identity or require the requester to furnish an authorization from the individual to permit release of information.

Record Access Procedure

See Notification section above.

Contesting Record Procedure

See Notification section above.

Record Source Categories

Railroad employers.

Exemptions Claimed for the

System

None.