

plant effluents and has no other radiological environmental impact. Therefore, the proposed exemption does not result in any significant nonradiological environmental impacts.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed exemption, the staff considered denial of the requested exemption. Denial of the request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Proposed Crystal River Unit 3," dated May 1973.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 13, 1998, the staff consulted with William Passetti, Chief, Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control, in Florida, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated June 4, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, which is located at The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D. C., and at the local public document room located at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida 34428.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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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 August 27, 1998 (62 FR 45879). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between August 1, 1998, and August 31, 1997, 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 August 1998.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked during August 1998:

#### *Department of Treasury*

Internal Revenue Service. Two positions of Senior Visiting Pension Actuary, GS-1510-14/15. Effective August 18, 1998.

Bureau of Government Financial Operations. Clerical positions at grades GS-5 and below established in Emergency Disbursing Offices to process emergency payments to victims of catastrophies or natural disasters requiring emergency disbursing services. Effective August 18, 1998.

#### **Schedule B**

No Schedule B authorities were established during August 1998.

The following Schedule B Authorities were revoked during August 1998:

#### *Department of the Treasury*

Not to exceed 10 positions engaged in functions mandated by public Law 99-190, the duties of which require expertise and knowledge gained as present or former employee of the Synthetic Fuel Corporation. Effective August 18, 1998.

Not to exceed to positions of Accountant (Tax Specialist) at grades GS-13 and above to serve as specialist on the accounting analysis and treatment of corporation taxes. Effective August 18, 1998.

#### **Schedule C**

The following Schedule C authorities were established during August 1998:

#### *Commission on Civil Rights*

Special Assistant to the Staff Director, Office of the Staff Director. Effective August 5, 1998.

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary. Effective August 14, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective August 24, 1998.

#### *Department of the Army (DOD)*

Secretary (Office Automation) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development and Acquisition. Effective August 5, 1998.

Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Effective August 31, 1998.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Planning and Scheduling. Effective August 4, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration. Effective August 10, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective August 12, 1998.

#### *Department of Defense*

Special Assistant to the Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. Effective August 13, 1998.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology. Effective August 18, 1998.

#### *Department of Education*

Confidential Assistant to the Special Advisor, Director America Reads Challenge. Effective August 14, 1998.

*Department of Energy*

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security. Effective August 27, 1998.

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Associate Commissioner for Family and Youth Services to the Commissioner, Administration for Children and Youth Families. Effective August 14, 1998.

Deputy Director of Scheduling to the Director of Scheduling. Effective August 14, 1998.

Deputy Director of Scheduling to the Director of Scheduling. Effective August 14, 1998.

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective August 24, 1998.

Director of Executive Services to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective August 31, 1998.

*Department of the Interior*

Special Assistant for Scheduling to the Deputy Director for External Affairs. Effective August 6, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Director, Minerals Management Service. Effective August 19, 1998.

*Department of Labor*

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Pension Benefits and Welfare Administration. Effective August 5, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. Effective August 5, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Secretary (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective August 10, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Secretary. Effective August 27, 1998.

*Department of State*

Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs (Bureau of Western Affairs). Effective August 12, 1998.

Foreign Affairs Officer to the Under Secretary for Global Affairs. Effective August 31, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective August 31, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary. Effective August 31, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective August 31, 1998.

*Department of Transportation*

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration. Effective August 14, 1998.

*Department of the Treasury*

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective August 12, 1998.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective August 14, 1998.

*National Endowment for the Arts*

Staff Assistant to the Chairman. Effective August 26, 1998.

*Office of Management and Budget*

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs. Effective August 6, 1998.

*Office of Personnel Management*

Director of Media Relations/Press Secretary to the Director of Communications. Effective August 21, 1998.

*Office of Science and Technology Policy*

Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs. Effective August 26, 1998.

*Overseas Private Investment Corporation*

Special Assistant to the President and Chief Executive Officer. Effective August 14, 1998.

*Securities and Exchange Commission*

Secretary to the Director, Corporate Finance. Effective August 27, 1998.

*Small Business Administration*

Assistant General Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective August 12, 1998.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for GS/MED. Effective August 27, 1998.

*U.S. International Trade Commission*

Staff Assistant (Economics) to the Commissioner. Effective August 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 5, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective August 12, 1998.

*United States Information Agency*

Confidential Assistant to the Voice of America Director. Effective August 26, 1998.

*United States Tax Court*

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 5, 1998.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 5, 1998.

Trial Clerk to the Judge. Effective August 10, 1998.

**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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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Service, Washington, DC 20549

Extension: Rule 17a-3, SEC File No. 270-26, OMB Control No. 3235-0033

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 17a-3 [17 CFR 40.17a-3] under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires records to be made by certain exchange members, brokers, and dealers, to be used in monitoring compliance with the Commission's financial responsibility program and antifraud and antimanipulative rules as well as other rules and regulations of the Commission and the self-regulatory organizations. It is estimated that approximately 7,786 active broker-dealer respondents registered with the Commission incur an average burden of 1,938,714 hours per year to comply with this rule.

Rule 17a-3 does not contain record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. The required records are available only to the examination staff of the Commission and the self-regulatory organization of which the broker-dealer is a member. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be