

presentations by representatives of the State of Nevada, including comments on studies conducted by the state related to materials proposed for use in the waste package. The DOE will present updates on ongoing scientific and engineering studies at the Yucca Mountain site, including results of testing in the exploratory tunnels, isotope studies, and estimating volcanic hazard. In the afternoon, discussions will begin on the TSPA that is used by the DOE to estimate potential repository performance. In particular, the DOE will make presentations on TSPA results, their uncertainties, and the individual components that make up the TSPA. Critical assumptions underlying the models used to estimate the performance of a potential repository also will be discussed.

The presentations on the TSPA will resume on Wednesday, August 2, and will continue until midafternoon, when the DOE will update the Board on the development of the DOE's safety strategy for a potential Yucca Mountain repository, including principal factors affecting repository performance, defense-in-depth, natural analogs, and the vulnerabilities, uses, and limitations of the safety case.

Several opportunities for public comment will be provided: before the lunch break and at the end of the day on August 1 and at the end of the session on August 2. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, the questions will be answered during the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board staff, beginning on September 4, 2000.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Pinon Plaza Resort. Reservations must be made by July 10 to receive the meeting rate. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact the NWTRB, Karyn Severson, External Affairs, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-

235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495; (e-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board's purpose is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dated: June 26, 2000.

William D. Barnard,

Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season Express Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 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 a revised information collection. The FEHB Open Season Express IVR System collects the following information from annuitants and survivors: Retirement Claim Number (CSA or CSF), Personal Identification Number (PIN), FEHB plan code for requesting plan brochures, FEHB plan code for making an enrollment change, and dependent information for self and family enrollments. Annuitants and survivors may request a copy of the FEHB Customer Satisfaction Survey results, cancel or suspend FEHB benefits, request payment directly to OPM where FEHB payment is greater than the monthly annuity amount, or request a change of address through the IVR system.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions

of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information 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 the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 75,000 requests will be completed annually. Each request takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 12,525 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before September 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—James K. Friert, Chief, Retirement Services Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management 1900 E Street, NW, Room 1312, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Team Leader, Forms Analysis and Design, Budget and Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—Thursday, July 6, 2000; Thursday, July 20, 2000; Thursday, August 3, 2000; Thursday, August 17, 2000.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the

Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

John F. Leyden,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate, Advisory Committee.

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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 Services Washington, DC
20549

Extension

Rule 17f-1(c), SEC File No. 270-28, OMB Control No. 3235-0032

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A, SEC File No. 270-29, OMB Control No. 3235-0037

Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T, SEC File No. 270-359, OMB Control No. 3235-0410

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 requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 17f-1(b) requires approximately 1,150 entities in the securities industry to register in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Registration fulfills a statutory requirement that entities report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Registration also allows entities in the securities industry to gain access to a confidential database that stores information for the program.

It is estimated that 1,150 entities will register in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program annually. It is also estimated that each respondent will register one time. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the Rule 17f-1(b) is one-half hour. The total burden is 575 hours annually for respondents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for respondents is \$28,750.

Rule 17f-1(b) is a reporting rule and does not specify a retention period. The rule requires a one-time registration for reporting institutions. Registering under Rule 17f-1(b) is mandatory to obtain the benefit of a central database that stores information about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Reporting institutions required to register under Rule 17f-1(b) will not be kept confidential, however, the Lost and Stolen Securities Program database will be kept confidential.

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A requires approximately 23,000 entities in the securities industry to report lost, stolen, missing, or counterfeit securities to a central database. Form X-17F-1A facilitates the accurate reporting and precise and immediate data entry into the central database. Reporting to the central database fulfills a statutory requirement that reporting institutions report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Reporting to the central database also allows reporting institutions to gain

access to the database that stores information for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program.

It is estimated that 23,000 reporting institutions will report that securities are either missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen annually. It is also estimated that each reporting institution will submit this report 56 times each year. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to comply with Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A is five minutes. The total burden is 107,333 hours annually for respondents, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for respondents is \$5,366,666.

Rule 17f-1(c) is a reporting rule and does not specify a retention period. The rule requires an incident-based reporting requirement by the reporting institutions when securities are discovered missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen. Registering under Rule 17f-1(c) is mandatory to obtain the benefit of a central database that stores information about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Reporting institutions required to register under Rule 17f-1(c) will not be kept confidential, however, the Lost and Stolen Securities Program database will be kept confidential.

Rule 17h-1T requires a broker-dealer to maintain and preserve records and other information concerning certain entities that are associated with the broker-dealer. This requirement extends to the financial and securities activities of the holding company, affiliates and subsidiaries of the broker-dealer that are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial or operational condition of the broker-dealer. Rule 17h-2T requires a broker-dealer to file with the Commission quarterly reports and a cumulative year-end report concerning the information required to be maintained and preserved under Rule 17h-1T.

The collection of information required by Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T are necessary to enable the Commission to monitor the activities of a broker-dealer affiliate whose business activities are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the financial and operational condition of the broker-dealer. Without this information, the Commission would be unable to assess the potentially damaging impact of the affiliate's activities on the broker-dealer.

There are currently 215 respondents that must comply with Rules 17h-1T and 17h-2T. Each of these 215 respondents require approximately 10 hours per year, or 2.5 hours per quarter,