

including the second containment valve, are designated as "Q" systems. As such, USEC is required to apply the highest level of quality control (ASME NQA-1) to ensure that the pressure boundaries within these systems are maintained. Taking into consideration the applicable safety features (administrative and installed hardware) for preventing and mitigating UF<sub>6</sub> releases associated with autoclaves, and past operational history at PORTS, the staff concludes that a major accidental release of UF<sub>6</sub> inside an autoclave is highly unlikely. The probability of inoperability of a containment valve or an instrument channel during an operating cycle is also low (none have been reported since March 3, 1997). According to the surveillance requirements of TSR 2.1.3.5, these containment valves are required to be calibrated semiannually at or below 15 psig, and to be quarterly functionally tested and separately pressure decay tested at 90 psig with an acceptable leak rate of 10 psig/hour or 12 standard cubic feet per minute. It should be noted that requiring an autoclave to prematurely shut down prior to completing an operating cycle could introduce added risk by necessitating additional handling of cylinders containing liquid UF<sub>6</sub> for feed, sampling and transfer autoclaves, or by introducing cascade process upsets for feed autoclaves.

The staff has concluded that since completing the current operating cycle following inoperability of one instrument channel or one containment valve on an autoclave penetration will not significantly increase the risk of a UF<sub>6</sub> release, this amendment will not result in a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not significantly increase the risk of a UF<sub>6</sub> release. Therefore, allowing an autoclave cycle to be completed, instead of requiring it to be shut down within one hour after discovery of one inoperable instrument channel or containment valve, will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed amendment does not involve any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not significantly increase the risk of a UF<sub>6</sub> release. Therefore, allowing an autoclave cycle to be completed, instead of requiring it to be shut down within one hour after discovering one inoperable instrument channel or containment valve, will not significantly increase the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

Based on the staff's review of the proposed amendment, no new or different accidents were identified.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not significantly increase the risk of a UF<sub>6</sub> release. Based on the staff's review of the proposed amendment, the staff concludes that there will be no significant reduction of any margin of safety.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards, or security programs.

For similar reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not significantly increase the risk of a UF<sub>6</sub> release. In addition, the staff has not identified any criticality related implications from the proposed amendment. Based on the staff's review of the proposed amendment, the staff concludes that there will be no decrease in the effectiveness of the overall plant's safety program.

The staff has not identified any safeguards or security related implications from the proposed amendment. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safeguards, or security programs.

*Effective date:* The amendment to GDP-2 will become effective 60 days after issuance by NRC.

*Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-2:* Amendment will revise the Technical Safety Requirements.

*Local Public Document Room location:* Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23d day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Carl J. Paperiello,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended; Minor Revisions to Existing System of Records

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Minor revisions to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising and republishing in its entirety the system of records (system) notice for NRC-22, "Personnel Performance Appraisals—NRC," to reflect minor corrective and administrative changes that will more accurately and clearly describe the following sections of the system notice: System Location, Categories of Individuals Covered by the System, Authority for Maintenance of the System, Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Storage, Retrieval, Safeguards, Retention and Disposal, System Manager(s) and Address, Notification Procedure, Record Access Procedures, and Contesting Record Procedures.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jona L. Souder, Freedom of Information/Local Public Document Room Branch, Office of Information Resources Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-7170.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC's system of records notice for NRC-22, "Personnel Performance Appraisals—NRC," is being revised in its entirety to more accurately and clearly describe the system. The revisions reflect organizational and address changes within the agency since the notice was last published in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 1993 (58 FR 36469), as well as the current General Records Schedule (GRS) authorized disposition for performance appraisal records. The revisions to the system notice consist of minor corrective and administrative changes that do not require the submission of an altered system of records report pursuant to subsection (r)

of the Privacy Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals."

Accordingly, the NRC is revising the system notice for NRC-22 in its entirety to read as follows:

#### **NRC-22**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Personnel Performance Appraisals—NRC.

##### **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Primary system—Part A: For Headquarters personnel, Office of Human Resources, NRC, 11545 and 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. For Regional personnel, at Regional Offices I-IV listed in Addendum I, Part 2.

Part B: Office of Human Resources, NRC, 11545 and 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Duplicate systems: Duplicate systems exist in whole or in part at the locations listed in Addendum I, except for Part B which is stored only at Headquarters.

##### **CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

NRC employees other than contractor employees, Commissioners, or temporary personnel employed for less than 1 year.

Part A: Senior Level System employees, GG-1 through GG-15 employees, hourly wage employees, scientific and technical schedule employees, and administratively determined rate employees.

Part B: Senior Executive Service and equivalent employees.

##### **CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

This system of records contains performance appraisals, including elements and standards, and other related records.

##### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C 4301, *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C 4311 *et seq.* (1994); 42 U.S.C. 2201(d), 5841 (1994); and 5 CFR 293.404(a).

##### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

In addition to the disclosures permitted under subsection (b) of the Privacy Act, the NRC may disclose information contained in this system of records without the consent of the subject individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected under the following routine uses:

a. By agency management and the Office of Human Resources for personnel functions; and

b. For any of the routine uses specified in the Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.

##### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

###### **STORAGE:**

Information is maintained in computerized form and in paper copy in locking file cabinets. Computerized form includes information stored in memory, on disk and magnetic tape, and on computer printouts. Summary ratings are stored in a computer system protected by password and user identification codes.

###### **RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are accessed by name. Some computer records are accessed by name and social security number.

###### **SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained in areas where access is controlled by keycard and is limited to NRC and contractor personnel and to others who need the information to perform their official duties. Access to the two Headquarters buildings in Rockville, Maryland, is controlled by a security guard force. Paper records are maintained in folders in locking file cabinets. Access to computerized records requires use of proper passwords and user identification codes.

###### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

a. Part A: Records are normally retained for 4 years, then destroyed by incineration in accordance with General Records Schedule (GRS) 1-23.a(4). If an employee separates, the records are forwarded to the next Government Agency employer or to the National Personnel Records Center in accordance with GRS 1-23.a(3)(a).

b. Part B: Retained for 5 years, or until the fifth annual appraisal is completed, whichever is later, then destroyed by incineration in accordance with GRS 1-23.b(3). If the employee separates, the records are forwarded to the next Government Agency employer or to the National Personnel Records Center in accordance with GRS 1-23.b(2)(a).

c. Electronic records: Deleted after the expiration of the retention period authorized for the disposable hard copy file or when no longer needed, whichever is later in accordance with GRS 20-3.a.

###### **SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief, Human Resources Policy and Programs, Office of Human Resources, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. For

Regional personnel, at Regional Offices I-IV listed in Addendum I, part 2.

##### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information pertaining to themselves should write to the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and comply with NRC's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity contained in 10 CFR part 9.

##### **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as "Notification Procedure" and comply with NRC's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and record access procedures contained in 10 CFR part 9.

##### **CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as "Notification Procedure" and comply with NRC's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and contesting record procedures contained in 10 CFR part 9.

##### **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Part A: Individual to whom record pertains and employee's supervisors.

Part B: Individual to whom record pertains and employee's supervisors and any documents and sources used to develop critical elements and performance standards for that Senior Executive Service position.

##### **SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1) and (5), the Commission has exempted portions of this system of records from 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (e)(4)(H), (e)(4)(I), and (f). The exemption rule is contained in 10 CFR 9.95 of the NRC regulations.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 24th day of October, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**A. J. Galante,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of