

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has issued a Director's Decision with regard to a Petition dated January 25, 2006, filed pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) by the Union of Concerned Scientists and numerous other organizations and individuals, hereinafter referred to as the "Petitioners." The Petition concerns leaks of radioactively contaminated water into the ground around NRC-licensed facilities.

The Petition requested that the NRC take immediate action to issue Demands for Information (DFIs) to research, test, and power reactors to obtain responses to specific questions regarding leaks or potential leaks of radioactively contaminated water into the ground.

As the basis for their request, the Petitioners pointed to radioactive leaks found during the last few years at several nuclear power plants.

By teleconference on April 5, 2006, the Petitioners discussed the Petition with the NRC's Petition Review Board. This teleconference gave the Petitioners an opportunity to provide additional information and to clarify issues raised in the Petition.

The NRC staff sent a copy of the proposed Director's Decision to the Petitioners and to the Nuclear Energy Institute for comment by letters dated June 28, 2006. The Petitioners submitted comments by letter dated July 20, 2006, and these comments are addressed in the final Director's Decision.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that the Petitioners' request to obtain information on groundwater contamination is granted, in part. The request to obtain the information by issuing DFIs is denied. The reasons for this decision are explained in the Director's Decision pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 (DD-06-03), the complete text of which is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

A copy of the Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the Director's Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the decision, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Director's Decision in that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

J.E. Dyer,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of Draft Interim Staff Guidance Document HLWRS-ISG-02, "Preclosure Safety Analysis—Level of Information and Reliability Estimation"; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 29, 2006 (71 FR 57584), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published, for public comment, a Notice of Availability of Draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) document HLWRS-ISG-02, "Preclosure Safety Analysis—Level of Information and Reliability Estimation." On October 26, 2006, the U.S. Department of Energy requested a 30-day extension to the public comment period for HLWRS-ISG-02, from November 13, 2006, to December 13, 2006. In response to this request, NRC is granting a 30-day extension to the public comment period for HLWRS-ISG-02, to December 13, 2006.

DATES: The comment period has been extended and now expires on December 13, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to: Robert Johnson, Senior Project Manager, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, High-Level Waste Repository Safety Division of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments can also be submitted by telephone, fax, or e-mail, which are as follows: *telephone:* (301) 415-6900; *fax number:* (301) 415-5399; or *e-mail:* rkj@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jon Chen, Project Manager, Licensing and Inspection Directorate Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, *Telephone:* (301) 415-5526; *fax number:* (301) 415-5399; *e-mail:* jcc2@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

N. King Stablein,

Chief, Project Management Branch B, Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will be sending an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request a revision to the following collection of information: 3220-0042, Application for Spouse Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act, consisting of RRB Form(s) AA-3, Application for Spouse/Divorced Spouse Annuity and AA-3cert, Application Summary and Certification. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine: (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (71 FR 44727 on August 7, 2006) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Application for Spouse Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act.

OMB Control Number: 3220-0042.

Form(s) submitted: AA-3, Application for Spouse/Divorced Spouse Annuity, AA-3cert, Application Summary and Certification.

Type of request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Abstract: The Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of annuities to spouses of railroad retirement annuitants who meet the requirements under the Act. The application obtains information supporting the claim for benefits based on being a spouse of an annuitant. The information is used for determining entitlement to and amount of the annuity applied for.

Changes Proposed: The RRB proposes to add new items to Form(s) AA-3cert and AA-3 to further document an applicant's most recent nonrailroad work. The items ask for the applicant's most recent job title and whether their employer is a seasonal employer. Non-burden impacting changes are proposed to the certification statements of Form(s) AA-3cert and AA-3 that are intended to provide additional specificity regarding post-application events that require an applicant to contact the RRB. Other non-burden impacting, editorial (clarification) and formatting changes to Form AA-3cert and Form AA-3 are also proposed.

The burden estimate for this ICR is unchanged as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 8,500.

Total annual responses: 8,500.

Total annual reporting hours: 4,297.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312-751-3363) or Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov.

Comments: Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Karen Matsuoka at kmatsuoka@omb.eop.gov, fax (202) 395-6974.

Charles Mierzwa,

RRB Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request an extension of the following collection of information: 3220-0193, Job Information Report, consisting of RRB Form(s) G-251a, Employer Job Information (job description) and G-251b, Employer Job Information (general). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

Previous Requests for Comments: The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (71 FR 44054 and 44055 on August 3, 2006) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

Title: Job Information Report.

OMB Number: 3220-0193.

Form(s) submitted: G-251a, Employer Job Information (position description). G-251b, Employer Job Information (general).

Type of request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Abstract: The collection obtains information used by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) to assist in determining whether a railroad employee is disabled from his or her regular occupation. It provides, under certain conditions, railroad employers with the opportunity to provide information to the RRB regarding the employee applicant's job duties.

The proposed estimated annual burden for this collection is unchanged as follows:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 430.

Total annual responses: 430.

Total annual reporting hours: 144.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312-751-3363) or Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov.

Comments: Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or Ronald.Hodapp@rrb.gov and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, Karen Matsuoka at kmatsuoka@omb.eop.gov, Fax (202) 395-6974.

Charles Mierzwa,

RRB Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**2007 Railroad Experience Rating Proclamations, Monthly Compensation Base and Other Determinations**

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 8(c)(2) and section 12(r)(3) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (Act) (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(2) and 45 U.S.C. 362(r)(3), respectively), the Board gives notice of the following:

1. The balance to the credit of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance (RUI) Account, as of June 30, 2006, is \$114,826,602.43;
2. The September 30, 2006, balance of any new loans to the RUI Account, including accrued interest, is zero;
3. The system compensation base is \$3,338,677,272.65 as of June 30, 2006;
4. The cumulative system unallocated charge balance is (\$279,893,399.81) as of June 30, 2006;
5. The pooled credit ratio for calendar year 2007 is zero;
6. The pooled charged ratio for calendar year 2007 is zero;
7. The surcharge rate for calendar year 2007 is 1.5 percent;
8. The monthly compensation base under section 1(i) of the Act is \$1,230 for months in calendar year 2007;
9. The amount described in section 1(k) of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$3,075 for base year (calendar year) 2007;
10. The amount described in section 2(c) of the Act as "an amount that bears