

[Docket No. 40-6354]

**Notice of NRC Consideration of Removing the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Site From the Site Decommissioning Management Plan**

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the removal of the U.S. Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, site from the list of contaminated sites contained in NRC's Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP). The NRC intends to remove the site from the SDMP list if it determines that the environmental impact of the continued use of munitions containing depleted uranium (DU) at this location is small and acceptable.

**DATES:** The NRC hereby provides notice of an opportunity to comment on the proposed NRC action. Comments must be submitted by no later than August 12, 1996. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to USNRC, Region I, Attn: Anthony Dimitriadis, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406. Hand deliver comments to 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anthony Dimitriadis, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, USNRC, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, Telephone: (610) 337-6953.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army site at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, was identified in 1990 by the NRC as a site where significant residual radioactive contamination was present as a result of licensed operations. The Army has tested munitions containing depleted uranium (DU) at the Aberdeen Proving Ground since the 1950's under a license issued under the Atomic Energy Act. DU munitions have been test-fired on an outdoor testing range and have become commingled with unexploded ordnance. Environmental monitoring performed by the Army identified measurable amounts of uranium in some samples, but the existing information was not sufficient to determine if this uranium was naturally occurring or the result of the licensed activities.

The NRC included the Aberdeen site on the list of contaminated sites in the Site Decommissioning Management

Plan (SDMP) in 1990 because it satisfied the criterion of large amounts of contaminated soil that may be difficult to decommission. Since the site was included in the SDMP, NRC has reviewed further the licensee's contention that the uranium contamination is environmentally of low consequence and the licensee's request to continue testing DU munitions at the site. The Department of the Army submitted a study of the long term fate of DU at the Aberdeen site, which was performed by Los Alamos National Laboratory. The study evaluated the current distribution of DU in environmental media (e.g., soil, surface water, groundwater, vegetation) at the Aberdeen site and assesses environmental transport of DU that may result in exposures to humans and wildlife. The study concludes that radiological doses to the environment due to current and projected DU testing at Aberdeen are minimal and acceptably low.

On June 26, 1996, the Department of the Army requested by letter that NRC remove the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland site from the SDMP. The request before the NRC at this time is to authorize continued use of DU at the Aberdeen site based on existing information that shows minimal environmental impact from the Army's DU testing program. Since 1990, the NRC staff has reviewed and approved various actions proposed by the Army including "recovery operations" for all future testing of DU munitions, an Environmental Radiation Monitoring Plan, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory Long Term Fate Study.

The SDMP describes four criteria that make a site eligible for removal from the SDMP list, including (1) termination of a license after successful remediation, (2) completion of remediation of an area and modification of an active license to reflect the remediation, (3) completion of remediation at an unlicensed site, or (4) transferral of regulatory jurisdiction for remediation. Aberdeen does not qualify for removal from the SDMP list under any of these criteria. However, the NRC staff has concluded that the Army has established acceptable procedures for controlling and monitoring the DU testing and that unacceptable environmental impacts are not occurring at the Aberdeen site. In addition, the Army has stated its intent to pay for decommissioning of the firing range and other facilities at Aberdeen in the event that the license is terminated at some point in the future. With these controls in place, little benefit would be gained by continuing to include the Aberdeen site in the SDMP.

Consequently, the NRC staff is considering whether the Aberdeen site should be removed from the SDMP.

For further details with respect to this action, documents are available for inspection at the NRC's Region I offices located at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Persons desiring to review documents at the Region I Office, should call Ms. Cheryl Buracker at (610) 337-5093 several days in advance to assure that the documents will be readily available for review.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 5th day of July, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Michael F. Weber,  
*Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

### Board of Governors

#### Notice of Vote to Close Meeting

At its meeting on July 1, 1996, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting scheduled for August 5, 1996, in Detroit, Michigan. The members will consider the Postal Rate Commission Decision and Recommended Opinion in Docket No. MC96-2, Preferred Rates Classification Reform.

The meeting is expected to be attended by the following persons: Governors Alvarado, Daniels, del Junco, Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Mackie, McWherter, Rider and Winters; Postmaster General Runyon, Deputy Postmaster General Coughlin, Secretary to the Board Koerber, and General Counsel Elcano.

The Board determined that pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(c) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, this portion of the meeting is exempt from the open meeting requirement of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(b)) because it is likely to disclose information in connection with proceedings under chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code (having to do with postal ratemaking, mail classification and changes in postal services), which is specifically exempted from disclosure by section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code.

The Board has determined further that pursuant to section 552b(c)(10) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(j) of

title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the discussion is exempt because it is likely to specifically concern participation of the Postal Service in a civil action or proceeding involving a determination on the record after opportunity for a hearing.

The Board further determined that the public interest does not require that the Board's discussion of these matters be open to the public.

In accordance with section 552b(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.6(a) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that in her opinion the meeting may properly be closed to public observation pursuant to section 552b(c) (3) and (10) of title 5, United States Code; section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code; and section 7.3 (c) and (j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations.

Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Thomas J. Koerber, at (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

Extension: Schedule 13E-4, SEC File No. 270-190, OMB Control No. 3235-0203.

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") is publishing the following summary of a collection for public comment.

Schedule 13E-4 is filed pursuant to section 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by issuers conducting a tender offer. This information is needed to provide full and fair disclosure to the investing public. Schedule 13E-4 takes approximately 232 hours to prepare and is filed by an estimated 121 respondents annually for a total of 28,072 burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

Jonathan G. Katz,  
Secretary.

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### 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: Form ADV-S, SEC File No. 270-43, OMB Control No. 3235-0046.

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 approval of extension of the following form:

Form ADV-S is the form for annual reports for registered investment advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-1). There are approximately 22,500 registrants filing annually on Form ADV-S. Approximately 22,500 hours are used to meet the requirements of Form ADV-S. This represents one hour per registrant per year.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission at the address below. Any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for compliance with Commission rules and forms should be directed to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission,

450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 and Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 1, 1996.

Jonathan G. Katz,  
Secretary.

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### [Investment Company Act Release No. 22052; 811-8080]

#### Institutional Series Trust; Notice of Application for Deregistration

July 5, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**ACTION:** Notice of Application for Deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

**APPLICANT:** Institutional Series Trust.

**RELEVANT ACT SECTION:** Order requested under section 8(f).

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicant requests as order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company.

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on June 6, 1996.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on July 31, 1996 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicant, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary T. Geffroy, Staff Attorney, at (202) 942-0553, or Robert A. Robertson, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application