

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-364]

### Notice of Issuance of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the BWX Technologies (BWXT), Parks Township, Pennsylvania

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuing an exemption to BWX Technologies (BWXT or the licensee) from the requirement at 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix G III (E)(1) and (2) to investigate and report to the Commission when receipt of a shipment, or part of a shipment, of radioactive waste is not acknowledged by the intended recipient within 20 days of the shipment of the waste.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

By letter dated May 11, 1999, BWXT requested an exemption from the requirement at 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix G III (E)(1) and (2) to

investigate and report to the Commission when receipt of a shipment, or part of a shipment, of radioactive waste is not acknowledged by the intended recipient within 20 days of the shipment of the waste. Instead, BWXT would only investigate and file a report to the NRC when receipt of the shipment is not received within 35 days of the date of shipment.

##### Need for the Proposed Action

The BWXT operation involves the decommissioning of its facility in Parks Township, Pennsylvania. As part of this operation, BWXT ships radioactive waste to a radioactive waste disposal facility in Hanford, Washington. As described in the licensee's request, the radioactive waste being shipped to the Hanford, WA facility will typically take longer than the 20 days contemplated in the NRC's regulations at 10 CFR Part 20 Appendix G III (E)(1) and (2). As such, the licensee could be required to investigate and file a report of the investigation with the NRC for each routine shipment of waste. The licensee also stated in its request that a tracking system for rail shipments allows the licensee, and its transportation subcontractor, to monitor the progress of the shipment.

##### Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

The NRC staff has examined the licensee's proposed exemption request and concluded that the proposed exemption request is procedural and administrative in nature. Therefore, exempting BWXT from the requirements at 10 CFR Part 20 Appendix G III (E)(1) and (2) and instead requiring BWXT to investigate and report to NRC when receipt of a shipment is not received within 35 days of a shipment will not endanger life or property, or the common defense and security, and will not cause any environmental impact.

##### Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since there are no environmental impacts associated with this proposed action, no alternatives other than the proposed action were evaluated.

##### Agencies and Persons Consulted

Staff of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection were consulted for this proposed action.

##### Finding of No Significant Impact

As discussed above, the proposed action is procedural and administrative in nature and there is no environmental impact associated with this action. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an

environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

This application for the proposed action was docketed under 10 CFR Part 70, Docket No. 70-364. For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's May 11, 1999, request, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Larry W. Camper,**

*Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Privacy Act of 1994; Computer Matching Programs Office of Personnel Management/Department of Labor Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Publication of notice of computer matching to comply with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988.

**SUMMARY:** OPM is publishing notice of its computer matching program with the Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) to meet the reporting and publication requirements of Public Law 100-503. The purpose of this match is to identify and/or prevent erroneous payments under the Civil Service Retirement Act (CSRA) or the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act (FERSA) and the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The match will identify individuals receiving prohibited benefits simultaneously under CSRA or FERSA and the FECA. All three laws prohibit the receipt of certain simultaneous payments covering the same period of time.

The match will involve the OPM system of records published as OPM CENTRAL-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records at 60 FR 63075, December 8, 1995, as amended August 27, 1998 (63 FR 45881) and the Department of Labor system of records published as DOL/GOVT-1, entitled "Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Federal Employees' Compensation Act File" at 58 FR 49548, on September 23, 1993, with

amendments published at 59 FR 47361 on September 15, 1994.

**DATES:** The matching program will begin in September 1999, or 40 days after agreements by the parties participating in the match have been submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, whichever is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the beginning date and may be extended an additional 12 months thereafter. The data exchange will begin at a date mutually agreed upon between OPM and OWCP after September 1, 1999, unless comments to the match are received that result in cancellation of the program. Subsequent matches will take place semi-annually on a recurring basis until one of the parties advises the other in writing of its intention to reevaluate, modify and/or terminate the agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Kathleen M. McGettigan, Assistant Director for Systems, Finance and Administration, Office of Personnel Management Room 4312, 1900 E. Street NW. Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The computer matching program between OPM and OWCP will involve comparison of beneficiaries under the FECA and the CSRA or the FERSA. The match will identify beneficiaries receiving payment of compensation for wage loss or death under the FECA and those receiving retirement or death benefits under the CSRA or FERS covering the same period of time.

The concurrent receipt of benefits under the FECA based on wage loss and under the CSRA or FERSA for retirement, or under the FECA, CSRA, or FERSA based on the death of a Federal employee is prohibited. OPM has the responsibility to monitor retirement annuity and survivor benefits paid under the retirement laws to ensure that it beneficiaries are not receiving benefits under the FECA which are prohibited during receipt of benefits under the CSRA or FERSA. Similarly, it is OWCP's responsibility to ensure that Federal employees or dependents of deceased Federal employees receiving benefits under the FECA are not also receiving benefits under CSRA or FERSA which are prohibited.

By comparing the information received through this computer matching program on a regular basis, the agencies will be able to make a timely and more accurate adjustment in their benefit payments. The match will prevent overpayments, fraud and abuse,

thus assuring that benefit payments are proper under the appropriate Acts.

Additional information regarding the matching program, including the authority for the program, a description of the matches, the personnel records to be matched, security safeguards, and plans for the disposal of records following completion of the match are provided in the text below.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**  
*Director.*

#### **Matching of Records Between Office of Workers' Compensation Programs and the Office of Personnel Management**

*A. Authority.* The Civil Service Retirement Act (CSRA), 5 U.S.C. 8331, *et seq.*; the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act (FERSA), 5 U.S.C. 8401, *et seq.*; and the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101, *et seq.*

*B. Description of Computer Matching Program.* OPM pays annuities or survivor benefits to individuals who also may receive benefits under the FECA. OPM's responsibility as the Administrator of CSRA and the FERSA is to assure that such benefit payments are proper and to prevent fraud and abuse. The computer matching program is an efficient method of determining whether these individuals are receiving benefits simultaneously from both OPM and OWCP which is prohibited by law.

OWCP will provide OPM with extracts of its payment files containing data (names, social security numbers, payee relationship codes, addresses, zip codes, and payment data) needed to identify the individual and determine if he or she is receiving benefits from both organizations at the same time. OPM will match OWCP's extract of its payment files against its payment records for the same dates to determine if benefits were being paid for the same day by both agencies. OPM will provide OWCP with a list of valid matches. Both organizations will detect, identify, and follow-up on payment of prohibited dual benefits. An individual identified as receiving prohibited dual benefits will be offered an opportunity to contest the findings and proposed actions and the opportunity to elect the benefits he or she wishes to receive. This due process will be provided to the individual before any payment adjustments are made.

*C. Personnel Records to be Matched.* The respective OPM and OWCP system of records cited above, which contain payment date on beneficiaries, will be matched.

*D. Privacy Safeguards and Security.* The personal privacy of the individuals whose names are included in the tapes is protected by strict adherence to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB's Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Pub. L. 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988 (54 FR 25818). Security safeguards include limiting access only to the files agreed to and only to agency personnel having a "need to know". All automated records will be password protected and the data listing will be locked in file areas after normal duty hours. Records matched or created by the match will be stored in an area that is physically safe from access by unauthorized persons during normal work hours and after work, or when not in use.

*E. Disposal of Records.* The files will remain the property of the respective source agencies and all records including those not containing matches will be returned to the source agency for destruction. "Hits", those records relating to matched individuals, will be disposed of in accordance with the Privacy Act and the Federal Record Schedules after serving their purpose. The data obtained from confirmed hits will be entered in the claims file, subject to release only in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act.

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#### **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

##### **Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Request to Non-Railroad