

significant, and therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

The Environmental Assessment and other documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Joseph J. Holonich,
Chief, Uranium Recovery Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public meeting in Cambridge, Ohio on September 16, 1996 to discuss the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on decommissioning the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC), Cambridge, Ohio facility. NRC announced the availability of the DEIS on July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38789).

The entire meeting will be open to the public. NRC staff and contractors will be available to summarize the DEIS, answer questions related to information presented in the DEIS, and listen to comments to be considered in developing the final environmental impact statement. The primary objective of the meeting is to receive public comments on the DEIS and most of the meeting will be devoted to this objective.

DATE AND ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held on September 16, 1996, from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, located at 7033 Glenn Highway, Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Telephone 614/439-7009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Thaggard, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Mail Stop T7D-13, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Telephone 301/415-6718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC has prepared a DEIS that evaluates the environmental impacts and alternatives associated with SMC's proposed approach to decommissioning radiologically contaminated waste piles. NRC noticed the availability of the DEIS

on July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38789). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency noticed availability of the DEIS (EIS No. 960349) on August 2, 1996 (61 FR 40414). NRC's notice of availability stated that the public comment period on the DEIS would extend 90 days from the date of EPA's notice. Consequently, the comment period on the DEIS will expire on October 31, 1996.

The NRC is offering an opportunity for public review and comment on the DEIS in accordance with NRC requirements in 10 CFR 51.73, 51.74, and 51.117. The DEIS is a preliminary analysis of potential environmental impacts of SMC's proposed approach. NRC will not issue the final EIS until public comments on the DEIS are received and evaluated. Preliminary comments have already been provided to the NRC, which included additional alternatives for consideration. NRC staff will review the comments, conduct any necessary analyses, and make appropriate revisions in developing the final EIS. NRC is arranging this public meeting to provide an overview of the DEIS and an opportunity for the NRC to hear any public comments on the DEIS, including comments on the adequacy of the staff's assessment of the impacts and additional alternatives that deserve consideration.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of August 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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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988; Notice of RRB Records Used in Computer Matching Programs

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

ACTION: Notice of Records Used in Computer Matching Programs Notification to individuals who have received benefits under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, or who may receive or have received benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

SUMMARY: As required by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, the RRB is issuing a public notice of its use and intent to use, in ongoing

computer matching programs, certain information obtained from the United States Postal Service (USPS).

The purpose of this notice is to advise individuals who have received benefits under the Regional Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, or who may receive or have received benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act of the use made by the RRB of this information obtained from USPS by means of a computer match.

DATES: Comments should be received by September 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette Spadavecchia, Bureau of Fiscal Operations, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092, telephone number (312) 751-4380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under certain circumstances, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-503, requires a Federal agency participating in a computer matching program to publish a notice in the Federal Register regarding the establishment of that matching program. Such a notice must include information in the following first five categories:

Name of participating agencies: The Railroad Retirement Board and the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Purpose of the match: To identify postal employees who may owe delinquent debts to the Federal government under certain programs administered by the RRB, and to collect those debts by salary offset under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 when voluntary repayment is not made.

Authority for conducting the Match: 39 U.S.C. 404 (Postal Reorganization Act) and 5 U.S.C. 5514 (Debt Collection Act of 1982)

Categories of records and individuals covered: USPS employee data records within Privacy Act System 050.020, identified as Finance Records—Payroll System (57 FR 57515) and RRB records from its Privacy Act System RRB 42—Uncollectible Benefit Overpayment Accounts (56 FR 182)

Inclusive dates of the matching program: The life of this agreement is 18 months, unless terminated earlier by either party. It will begin the later of the following: 30 days from the publication of this Federal Register notice or 40 days from the date the required package of documents is sent to OMB and the

designated House and Senate committees.

Procedure: The RRB will provide a data extract of its debtor files to the USPS, sorted in Social Security Number (SSN) sequence, that contain the name and SSN of each record subject. The USPS will compare this extract against its database of employee records, establishing "hits" (i.e., individuals common to both files) on the basis of matched SSN's. For each hit, the USPS will disclose to the RRB the following information: Name, SSN, date of birth, home address, work address, and employee type (permanent or temporary).

Other information: The notice we are giving here is in addition to any individual notice.

A copy of this notice has been or will be furnished to both Houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

By authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Partial Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Various Changes to the Exchange's Company Guide

August 9, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 27, 1996, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. On July 11, 1996, the Exchange submitted to the Commission Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The Commission

is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. As discussed below, the Commission is also granting accelerated approval to a portion of the proposal.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Amex proposes to amend various sections of the Exchange's *Company Guide* to simplify the additional listing process, add a new shareholder distribution guideline applicable to banks, and make several minor "housekeeping" changes.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Additional Listings

The Exchange proposes to simplify its additional listing process. The additional listing process is an essential part of the Exchange's program to oversee its market generally and monitor the compliance of listed companies with Sections 711-713 of the *Company Guide*, which require prior shareholder approval of certain transactions involving the issuance of stock, e.g., issuances of 20% or more of the outstanding shares at a discounted price or to effect an acquisition. Before a listed company issues additional securities of an already listed class, it is required to submit an additional listing application and obtain the Exchange's prior approval; similarly, transfer agents for listed companies are required to contact the Exchange to make sure that a company's request for new share issuances has been so approved. The Exchange typically receives in excess of 300 additional listing applications per year.

The Exchange has determined that it can substantially simplify the additional

listing process for listed companies and transfer agents alike without undercutting its ability to regulate its market. To facilitate this, the Exchange has for the first time prepared a simplified, standardized application form, which can be used for all additional listings.⁴ This form will allow companies to incorporate by reference any transactional information that is set forth in a proxy statement, prospectus or certain other descriptive documents, thus eliminating the need to provide duplicative summary information on the application itself. This will also enable the Exchange to significantly revise the applicable *Company Guide* provisions by eliminating confusing and unnecessary instructions.⁵

The Exchange is also proposing to eliminate the requirement that each application contain a reconciliation of all of the company's previously listed share reserves, retaining the reconciliation requirement only in the case of stock dividends, splits, or substitution listings. Rather than require issuers and transfer agents to engage in this extremely time-consuming exercise, which in most circumstances provides little practical information and delays the approval of pending corporate transactions, the Exchange has determined to generally allow transfer agents to reconcile their records of shares outstanding with the Exchange's on a quarterly basis. A similar procedure is followed at the New York Stock Exchange and in a series of informal discussions, all of the Exchange's major transfer agents indicated that they would prefer that the Exchange adopt it as well.

Together, these new procedures should provide substantial benefits to listed companies and the Exchange alike.

⁴ The Commission notes that the new form being adopted will require listed companies to provide substantially the same information as is required under the existing procedures. The form provides for (where applicable): Information for Stock Options, Plans and Grants; Information for a Private Placement; Information for an Acquisition; Information for Substitution Listing; Information for a Forward Stock Split or Stock Dividend; and a Reconciliation Sheet. Companies wanting to list additional shares must now complete this form, whereas previously, companies had the option of doing a "short form" or a "standard form" application.

⁵ The Commission notes that in simplifying its listings process, the Amex proposes the following changes to its *Company Guide*: § 310 is renumbered as § 303; §§ 311-313 is deleted; § 320 is deleted; § 321 is renumbered as § 304 with modification made to text; new § 305 is added (Listing of Shares Pursuant to a Reverse Split/Substitution Listing); and § 330 is renumbered as § 306.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Letter from Claudia Crowley, Special Counsel, Amex, to Jennifer Choi, Attorney, Office of Market Supervision, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated July 11, 1996 ("Amendment No. 1").