

intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff. It combines the guidance now found in Draft Regulatory Guide DG-0008, "Applications for the Use of Sealed Sources in Portable Gauging Devices," dated May 1995, and the guidance for licensing staff now found in Policy and Guidance Directive PG 2-07, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for the Use of Sealed Sources in Portable Gauging Devices," dated September 1994. Comments received on DG-0008 were considered in the preparation of this report.

As described in draft NUREG-1541, this draft NUREG takes a risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing portable gauges, i.e., it reduces the amount of information needed from an applicant seeking to possess and use a relatively safe device. These portable gauges containing sealed sources incorporate features engineered to enhance their safety. NRC's considerable experience with these licensees indicates that radiation exposures to workers are generally low and the sealed sources have not been damaged even when run over by heavy construction equipment.

This document is strictly for public comment and NOT for use in preparation or review of applications for portable gauge licenses until the document is published in final form.

NRC is requesting comments on this draft NUREG such as whether a risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing is valid, as well as comments on the information requested in support of a license application. In addition, to support NRC's efforts to streamline the materials licensing process, NRC is soliciting comments and suggestions about the document's content, format, usefulness, etc., to make the document more "user-friendly." Please submit comments within 90 days of its publication. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

Submit comments on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 1, to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments may be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to INTERNET:MTL@NRC.GOV.

A free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 1, may be requested by those considering public comment by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: BPR Team, Mail Stop TWFN 8F5, Washington, DC 20555-0001. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 1, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120

L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. Draft NUREG-1556, Volume 1, is also available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov>) and choosing "Nuclear Materials," then "Business Process Redesign project," and then "Draft NUREG-1556, Volume 1."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of September, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Frederick C. Combs,  
*Deputy Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Procedures for the Settlement of Claims Transferred to the Office of Personnel Management From the General Accounting Office

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 1996 transferred to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the Comptroller General's authority to settle claims for Federal civilian employees' compensation and leave, claims for deceased employees' accounts, and claims for the proceeds of canceled checks for veterans' benefits payable to deceased beneficiaries. The OMB Director subsequently delegated the authority to settle these claims to the Office of Personnel Management. Until superseded by OPM regulations, it is OPM's policy, with one exception, to apply to the administration of any authority transferred from the General Accounting Office (GAO) any applicable GAO regulations in effect at the time of the transfer. The exception to this policy involves claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). FLSA claims will continue to be settled in the same manner as complaints under that Act are resolved pursuant to OPM's authority to administer the FLSA for the Federal Government.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Claims Adjudication Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7535, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Britner, Attorney-Advisor, Claims Adjudication Unit, 202-606-2233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 1996, most of the claims settlement functions performed by the General Accounting Office (GAO) were transferred to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. See Sec. 211, Pub. L. 104-53, 109 Stat. 535. The Director delegated these functions to various components within the Executive branch in a determination order dated June 28, 1996. This order delegated to the Office of Personnel Management the authority to settle claims against the United States involving Federal employees' compensation and leave (31 U.S.C. 3702), deceased employees' accounts (5 U.S.C. 5583), and proceeds of canceled checks for veterans' benefits payable to deceased beneficiaries (38 U.S.C. 5122).

Until superseded by OPM regulations, it is OPM's policy, with one exception, to apply to any authority transferred from GAO any applicable GAO regulations in effect at the time of the transfer. The exception to this policy involves claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201, *et seq.* FLSA claims will continue to be settled in the same manner as complaints under that Act are resolved pursuant to OPM's authority to administer the FLSA for the Federal Government pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 204(f).

Non-FLSA claims should be sent to: Claims Adjudication Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7535, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20514. The telephone number is 202-606-2233.

FLSA claims should be sent to the appropriate address listed below. Information about the procedures applicable to these claims may be obtained by calling the appropriate office.

Address and Jurisdiction telephone:  
OPM Atlanta Oversight Division (404)  
331-3451, 75 Spring Street, SW.,  
Suite 972, Atlanta, GA 30303-3109

Alabama, Florida, Georgia,  
Mississippi, North Carolina, South  
Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia (except as  
noted below):

OPM Chicago Oversight Division (312)  
353-0387, 230 S. Dearborn Street,  
DPN 30-6, Chicago, IL 60604-1687

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,  
Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota,  
Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio,  
South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin:

OPM Dallas Oversight Division (214)  
767-0561, 1100 Commerce Street,  
Room 4C22, Dallas, TX 75242-9968

Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wyoming:

OPM Philadelphia Oversight Division  
(215) 597-9797, 600 Arch Street,  
Room 3400, Philadelphia, PA 19106-  
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Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland (except as noted below), Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands:

OPM San Francisco Oversight Division  
(415) 281-7050, 120 Howard Street,  
Room 760, San Francisco, CA 94105-  
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Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Pacific Ocean Area:

OPM Washington, DC Oversight Division (202) 606-2990, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7675, Washington, DC 20415-0001

The District of Columbia. In Maryland: the counties of Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George's. In Virginia: the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, King George, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and any overseas area not included above.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management,  
Lorraine A. Green,  
*Deputy Director.*

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## Prospective Payment Assessment Commission

### Meetings

Notice is hereby given of the meetings of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 8 and 9, 1996, at the Madison Hotel, 15th & M Streets, NW, Washington, DC, 202/862-1600.

The Full Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. on October 8, 1996, and adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, October 9, 1996, the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in Executive Chambers 1, 2, and 3 each day.

All meetings are open to the public.

Donald A. Young,  
*Executive Director.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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:* Employee's Certification; OMB 3220-140.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), provides for the payment of an annuity to the spouse or divorced spouse of a retired railroad employee. For the spouse or divorced spouse to qualify for an annuity, the RRB must determine if any of the employee's previous marriages create an impediment either to the current marriage between the employee and his or her spouse or to the marriage which previously existed between the employee and his or her former spouse.

The requirements relating to obtaining evidence for determining valid marital relationships are prescribed in 20 CFR 219.30 through 219.35.

Section 2(e) of the RRA requires that an employee must relinquish all rights to any railroad employer service before a spouse annuity can be paid.

The RRB uses Form G-346 to obtain the information needed for determining if any of the employee's previous marriages create an impediment to the current marriage. Form G-346 is completed by the retired employee who is the husband or wife of the applicant for a spouse annuity. Completion is required to obtain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes a minor editorial change to Form G-346 to incorporate language required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The RRB estimates that 5,400 G-346's are completed annually at an estimated

completion time of five minutes per response. Total respondent burden is estimated at 450 hours.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

*Clearance Officer.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-37731; File Nos. SR-OCC-96-04 and SR-NSCC-96-11]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation and National Securities Clearing Corporation; Order Approving Proposed Rule Changes Relating to an Amended and Restated Options Exercise Settlement Agreement Between the Options Clearing Corporation and the National Securities Clearing Corporation

September 26, 1996.

On February 6, 1996, and April 6, 1996, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") and the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"), respectively, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule changes (File Nos. SR-OCC-96-04 and SR-NSCC-96-11) pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").<sup>1</sup> Notice of the proposed rule changes was published in the Federal Register on June 17, 1996.<sup>2</sup> On July 10, 1996, NSCC filed an amendment to its proposed rule change to attach as Exhibit A to its original filing a copy of the Third Amendment and Restated Options Exercise Settlement Agreement ("Third Restated Agreement").<sup>3</sup> Because the Third Restated Agreement had previously been filed as an exhibit to File No. SR-

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

<sup>2</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37298 (June 10, 1996), 61 FR 30650.

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Julie Beyers, Associate Counsel, NSCC, to Jerry Carpenter, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission (July 10, 1996).