

Current regulations regarding control room staffing, which are based on the concept of operation for existing light-water reactors, may no longer be appropriate for the concept of operations for advanced reactors. Therefore, applicants for an operating license for an advanced reactor, and current licensees who have implemented significant changes to existing control rooms, may wish to submit applications for exemptions from current staffing regulations.

The NRC staff will review the exemption requests and will determine whether the staffing proposals provide adequate assurance that public health and safety will be maintained at a level that is comparable to compliance with the current regulations. NUREG-1791 provides guidance for the NRC staff to perform a systematic review of exemption requests from the current staffing regulations in 10 CFR 50.54(m). The NUREG details the information, data, and review criteria needed to review the exemption request.

The NRC is seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing these documents is available to the NRC staff. These documents are being issued for comment only and are not intended for interim use. The NRC will review public comments received on the documents, incorporate suggested changes, as necessary, and issue the final documents for use.

The NRC staff will use the policies and procedures in these documents to review all staffing exemption requests from 10 CFR 50.54 (l-m). These NUREGs will not substitute for the regulations, and compliance with the guidance provided in these documents will not be required. Licensees may propose alternative approaches to determine staffing levels for the exemption request different from those in these NUREGs, if applicants provide a basis for concluding that the exemption request(s) are in compliance with 10 CFR 50.12.

Dated in Rockville, MD, this 26th day of August, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Public Hearing

September 2, 2004.

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its public hearing was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 69, Number 152, Page 48257) on August 9, 2004. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing in conjunction with OPIC's September 9, 2004 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. on September 9, 2004 has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at cdown@opic.gov.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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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: Report of Medicaid State Office on Beneficiary's Buy-In Status; OMB 3220-0185. Under Section 7(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act, the RRB administers the Medicare program for persons covered by the railroad retirement system. Under Section 1843 of the Social Security Act, states may enter into "buy-in agreements" with the Secretary of Health and Human Services

for the purpose of enrolling certain groups of needy people under the Medicare medical insurance (Part B) program and paying the premiums for their insurance coverage. Generally, these individuals are categorically needy under Medicaid and meet the eligibility requirements for Medicare Part B. States can also include in their buy-in agreements, individuals who are eligible for medical assistance only. The RRB uses Form RL-380-F, Report to State Medicaid Office, to obtain information needed to determine if certain railroad beneficiaries are entitled to receive Supplementary Medical Insurance program coverage under a state buy-in agreement in states in which they reside. Completion of Form RL-380-F is voluntary. One response is received from each respondent.

No changes are proposed to RRB Form RL-380-F. The completion time for Form RL-380-F is estimated at 10 minutes per response. The RRB estimates that approximately 600 responses are received annually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 or send an e-mail request to

Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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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:

Part 257, SEC File No. 270-252, OMB Control No. 3235-0306

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 soliciting comments