EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Deletion of system of records.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is deleting a system of records entitled, "Professional Standards Board Action File-V/A" (101VA05), which is set forth in the Federal Register publication, "Privacy Act Issuances, 1999 Compilation". The records included a collection of personnel forms and correspondence pertaining to promotions, reassignments, transfers, proficiency ratings, physical examinations, etc., all of which are duplicated in the Professional Standards Board and Proficiency Rating Folder (101VA05). This system also contained board action folders for former employees who cannot be re-employed without approval of the Under Secretary for Health. As a result of a review of related systems of records maintained by the agency, it was determined that there was no longer a need to maintain the records in 101VA11, since the records are maintained elsewhere.

DATES: Comments on the deletion of the system of records must be received no later than April 15, 2009. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the Federal Register by the VA, the system will be deleted effective April 15, 2009, or 40 days after the notice was approved, whichever is latest. The “Report of Intention to Publish a Deletion of a System of Records “ and advance copy of the notice has been sent to the appropriate Congressional committees and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) (Privacy Act) and guidelines issued by OMB (61 FR 6428), February 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted through www.regulations.gov; by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273–9026.

Comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461–4902 (this is not a toll-free number) for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at http://www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veterans Health Administration Privacy Act Officer (193B3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; telephone (704) 245–2492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA provides health care services to many of America’s Veterans through the Veterans Health Administration. During the course of providing health care, VHA collects medical and health information on Veterans. In order to protect Veteran's medical or health information, VHA is adding two routine uses to three existing systems of records (93VA131, 105VA131, and 108VA11S).

Additional Routine Uses
The routine use added to 93VA131, 105VA131, and 108VA11S would permit VA to make disclosures to other Federal agencies to assist such agencies in preventing and detecting possible fraud or abuse by individuals in their operations and programs.

This routine use permits disclosures by the Department to report a suspected incident of identity theft and provide information and/or documentation related to or in support of the reported incident.

The second routine use allows VA, on its own initiative, to disclose any information or records to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) VA suspects or has confirmed that the integrity or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of embarrassment or harm to the reputations of the record subjects, harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security, confidentiality, or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the potentially compromised information; and (3) the disclosure is to agencies, entities, or persons whom VA determines is necessary to assist or carry out the Department’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or
remedy such harm. This routine use permits disclosures by the Department to respond to a suspected or confirmed data breach, including the conduct of any risk analysis or provision of credit protection services as provided in 38 U.S.C. 5724, as the terms are defined in 38 U.S.C. 5727.

The Report of Intent to Amend a System on Records Notice and an advance copy of the system notice have been sent to the appropriate Congressional committees and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) (Privacy Act) and guidelines issued by OMB (65 FR 77677), December 12, 2000.

Approved: February 24, 2009.
John R. Gingrich, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Notice of Amendment of Systems of Records

1. In the system identified as 93VA131, “Gulf War Registry-VA”, as set forth in the Federal Register, 69 FR 2962 and last amended on Jan. 21, 2004. Two new routine uses are added as follows:

   93VA131
   SYSTEM NAME:
   Gulf War Registry-VA.
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   ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
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   10. Disclosure to other Federal agencies may be made to assist such agencies in preventing and detecting possible fraud or abuse by individuals in their operations and programs.

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of establishment of a new system of records.

Spinal Cord Dysfunction-Registry (SCD–R)–VA.

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