

TR-104285, "Risk Impact Assessment of Revised Leak Rate Testing Intervals, August 1994) and the staff study reported in NUREG-1493, "Performance-Based Containment Leak Test Program."

the NRC staff has also made use of the information in a draft staff report, NUREG-1493, which provides the technical justification for the present Appendix J rulemaking effort which also includes a 10-year test interval for Type A tests. The integrated leakage rate test, or Type A test, measures overall containment leakage. However, operating experience with all types of containments used in this country demonstrates that essentially all containment leakage can be detected by local leakage rate tests (Type B and C). According to results given in NUREG-1493, out of 180 ILRT failure reports covering 110 individual reactors and approximately 770 years of operating history, only 5 ILRT failures were found which local leakage rate testing could not detect. Thus, Type A testing detected failures not discovered by Type B and C testing in about 3% of the tests, and in these tests the actual leakage rates were only marginally in excess of leak-tightness requirements. This study agrees well with previous NRC staff studies which show that Type B and C testing can detect a very large percentage of containment leaks.

The Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC), now known as the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), provided the NRC staff with summaries of data to assist in the Appendix J rulemaking effort. NUMARC collected results of 144 ILRTs from 33 units; 23 ILRTs exceeded  $1.0L_{a}$ . Of these, only nine were not due to Type B or C leakage penalties. The NEI data also added another perspective. The NEI data show that in about one-third of the cases exceeding allowable leakage, the as-found leakage was less than  $2L_{a}$ ; in one case the leakage was found to be approximately  $2L_{a}$ ; in one case the as-found leakage was less than  $3L_{a}$ ; one case approached  $10L_{a}$ ; and in one case the leakage was found to be approximately  $21L_{a}$ . For about half of the failed ILRTs the as-found leakage was not quantified. These data show

that, for those ILRTs for which the leakage was quantified, the leakage values are small in comparison to the leakage value at which the risk to the public starts to increase over the value of risk corresponding to  $L_{a}$  (approximately  $200L_{a}$ , as discussed in NUREG-1493). Therefore, based on these considerations, it is unlikely that an extension of one cycle for the performance of the Appendix J, Type A test at Seabrook would result in significant degradation of the overall containment integrity. As a result, the application of the regulation in these particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Based on generic and plant specific data, the NRC staff finds the basis for North Atlantic's proposed exemption to allow a one-time exemption to permit a schedular extension of one cycle for the performance of the Appendix J Type A test to be acceptable provided that the general containment inspection is performed.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting this Exemption will not have a significant impact on the environment (60 FR 27569).

This Exemption is effective upon issuance and shall expire at the completion of the fifth refueling outage, presently expected to start in September 1997.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of May 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Notice of Request for Expedited Review of New Form RI 38-128

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (title 44, U.S. Code, chapter 35), this notice announces a request for an expedited review of a new information collection. Form RI 38-128, Payment Election Form, provides the opportunity for an annuitant to elect Direct Deposit or a paper check. This election is required only once: When a person is first put on the annuity roll. If there is no evidence that the separating agency gave the person this election, OPM must provide this form. As agencies learn to give retiring employees this election opportunity, OPM will send fewer election forms; however, this form will always be needed for deferred annuitants and survivor annuitants.

Approximately 65,320 RI 38-128 forms will be completed annually. We estimate that it takes 30 minutes to fill out the form. The annual burden is 32,660 hours.

A copy of this proposal is appended to this notice.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within three (3) calendar days from the date of this publication. OMB has been asked to take action within five (5) calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

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### It's Time to Sign Up for Direct Deposit

Public Law 103-356 requires that regular annuity payments begun on or after January 1, 1995, must be paid by Direct Deposit into a savings or checking account at a financial institution, unless a request for waiver of that requirement is submitted **In writing** so that payment may be made by check.

More than two-thirds of retirees have elected Direct Deposit. They gave it a 97% approval rating in a recent survey. That's because choosing Direct Deposit is a win-win situation all around. You avoid the bother of traveling to a bank or other financial institution to cash or deposit your check. You may earn a few days extra interest each month, and you save travel costs and time. Direct Deposit is a safeguard against your checks being stolen, and you avoid any possible mail delay. Finally, OPM, and your fellow taxpayers, save the difference in cost between Direct Deposit and payment by check (\$.33 per payment). Please take these advantages into consideration when you make your decision.

Please complete the election information on the reverse of this letter, and submit it in the return envelope enclosed.

Thank you.

Office of Retirement Programs

Enclosure

#### Public Burden Statement

We think this form takes an average of 30 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, getting the needed data, and reviewing the completed form. Send comments regarding our estimate or any other aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing completion time, to the Office of Personnel Management, OPM Reports and Forms Officer, Washington, DC 20415.

RI 38-128  
April 1995

Applicant's name
Claim number

### Annuity Payment Election Form

To have your annuity payments made by Direct Deposit, please complete Section A. You may also receive Direct Deposit by completing a Standard Form 1199A (available at most financial institutions). If you want to receive your payments by check, please complete Section B to request a waiver of the Direct Deposit requirement.

#### Section A - Payment by Direct Deposit

I want to receive my annuity payments by Direct Deposit into the account indicated below. I have checked with my financial institution and confirmed that the following information is correct.

Account number	Account type <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Financial institution routing number 	Call your financial institution for the routing number. We cannot pay by Direct Deposit without it. If your financial institution indicates the information on your personal check is correct for Direct Deposit, you may attach a voided check instead of entering the information here.
Name, address and telephone number of your financial institution.  (      )	
Signature	Date

#### Section B - Payment by Check

I want to be paid by check. I therefore request waiver of the requirement that I be paid by Direct Deposit. I understand that I may sign up for Direct Deposit at a later date.

Signature	Date
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