

themselves, family members or others. The matching program identifies employees who are involved in financial conflict of interest, fraud, misrepresentation, or other situations in violation of Postal Service standards of conduct.

*C. Authority for Conducting the Match:* Sections 401 and 404 of title 39, United States Code, grant the Postal Inspection Service the power to conduct civil and criminal investigations of violations of postal laws, including attempts to corrupt the postal procurement process and defraud the Postal Service. This computer matching program is also consistent with the Inspection Service's Inspector General authority to address fraud, waste, and abuse in the agency.

*D. Records to be Matched:* This computer matching program involves one Privacy Act system of records, "USPS 050.020, Finance Records—Payroll System," which was most recently published in its entirety in the Federal Register on December 4, 1992 (57 FR 57517–57518) and amended in the Federal Register on November 22, 1993 (58 FR 61718–61719). That system contains Postal Service employee data that are compared with data in the Postal Service's vendor payment files (these files relate to businesses and, therefore, are not covered by the Privacy Act). Matches are made on the basis of like expanded ZIP Codes. For each hit (matched 9-digit ZIP Codes), the employee's name, address, social security number, occupation, and pay location are extracted from the payroll file; the vendor's name, address, vendor number, account number, finance number, year-to-date amount paid, and most recent payment date are extracted from the vendor file.

*E. Description of Computer Matching Program:* A match of nine-digit ZIP Codes indicates whether the employee's home address and the vendor's address are the same physical geographical location. No adverse action is taken based solely on such a match; the match merely indicates a need for further review to determine whether investigation is warranted. Review includes an identification of the transaction and examination of procurement files, employee records, and/or information from other sources from which verification of identity and compliance with postal procurement policy can be made. Where review indicates potential misconduct, case files may be established within the parameters of USPS 080.010, Inspection Requirements—Investigative File System (last published in its entirety in the Federal Register on March 20, 1991

(56 FR 11798–11805)). Where it is established that misconduct is present, administrative disciplinary action and/or prosecution may be initiated.

However, no such action may be taken until the individual has received notice of adverse findings and has been given an opportunity to contest them, as required by Pub. L. 100–503.

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## PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of a panel of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. The panel will discuss issues related to chemical and biological warfare agents and will receive comment from members of the public. Major Thomas P. Cross will chair this panel meeting.

**DATES:** April 16, 1996, 9:20 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Radisson Hotel Atlanta, Courtland & International Boulevards, Atlanta, GA 30303.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President established the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses by Executive Order 12961, May 26, 1995. The purpose of this Advisory Committee is to review and provide recommendations on the full range of government activities associated with Gulf War veterans' illnesses. The Advisory Committee reports to the President through the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Advisory Committee members have expertise relevant to the functions of the Committee and are appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors.

Tentative Agenda

*Tuesday, April 16, 1996*

9:20 a.m.—Call to order and opening remarks.

9:30 a.m.—Public comment.

10:30 a.m.—Break.

10:50 a.m.—Public comment (cont.).

12:00 p.m.—Lunch.

1:00 p.m.—Government investigations of possible exposure to chemical and biological warfare agents.

2:30 p.m.—Break.

2:45 p.m.—Non-governmental investigations of possible exposure to chemical and biological warfare agents.

4:15 p.m.—Committee members and staff discussion.

4:30 p.m.—Adjourn.

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Advisory Committee at the address or telephone number listed below at least five business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations from individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to address the Advisory Committee. Priority will be given to Gulf War veterans and their families. The panel chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Advisory Committee may do so at any time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael E. Kowalok, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, 1411 K Street, N.W., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 761–0066, Fax: (202) 761–0310.

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Determination of Quarterly Rate of Excise Tax for Railroad Retirement Supplemental Annuity Program

In accordance with directions in Section 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (26 U.S.C., Section 3221(c)), the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that the excise tax imposed by such Section 3221(c) on every employer, with respect to having individuals in his employ, for each work-hour for which compensation is paid by such employer for services rendered to him during the quarter beginning April 1, 1996, shall be at the rate of 34 cents.