

June 21, 1996—Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)]

July 2, 1996—Petitioner's Participant Statement or Initial Brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)]

July 22, 1996—Postal Service's Answering Brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)]

August 6, 1996—Petitioner's Reply Brief should Petitioner choose to file one [see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)]

August 13, 1996—Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 CFR 3001.116]

September 26, 1996—Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5)]

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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:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

**DATES:** July 8, 1996, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; July 9, 1996, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Ambassador West Hotel, 1300 North State Parkway, Chicago, IL 60610.

**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 committee is to review and provide recommendations on the full range of government activities associated with Gulf War veterans' illnesses. The committee reports to the President through the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The committee members have expertise relevant to the functions of the committee and are appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors.

Tentative Agenda

*Monday, July 8, 1996*

9:00 a.m.—Call to order and opening remarks  
 9:10 a.m.—Public comment  
 10:15 a.m.—Break  
 10:30 a.m.—Public comment (cont.)  
 11:30 a.m.—Briefing: Research funded through the Department of Defense's 1995 Broad Agency Announcement

12:30 p.m.—Lunch  
 1:30 p.m.—Briefing: Chemical and biological weapons  
 2:15 p.m.—Briefing: Persian Gulf Veterans Coordinating Board, Compensation Working Group  
 3:15 p.m.—Break  
 3:30 p.m.—Briefings: Outreach issues  
 5:00 p.m.—Meeting recessed

*Tuesday, July 9, 1996*

8:30 a.m.—Call to order  
 8:35 a.m.—Briefings: Chemical warfare agents  
 9:45 a.m.—Break  
 10:00 a.m.—Briefings: Risk factors  
 12:00 p.m.—Lunch  
 1:00 p.m.—Briefings: Risk factors (cont.)  
 2:30 p.m.—Committee and staff discussion: Next steps  
 3:30 p.m.—Meeting adjourned

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 Advisory Committee 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:** Miles W. Ewing, 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.

Dated: June 3, 1996.

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*Federal Register Liaison Officer, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.*

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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. 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 July 1, 1996, shall be at the rate of 34 cents.

In accordance with directions in Section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that for the quarter beginning July 1, 1996, 33.4 percent of the taxes collected under Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Account and 66.6 percent of the taxes collected under such Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) plus 100 percent of the taxes collected under Section 3221(d) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Supplemental Account.

Dated: May 29, 1996.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

*Secretary to the Board.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-4—SEC File No. 270-198—  
 OMB Control No. 3235-0279  
 Rule 24—SEC File No. 270-129—  
 OMB Control No. 3235-0126

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") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for approval of extension on the following rules:

Rule 17a-4 requires exchange members, brokers and dealers to preserve for prescribed periods of time certain records required to be made under Rule 17a-3. It is anticipated that approximately 8,300 broker-dealers are required to comply with Rule 17a-4 and each will spend 250.25 hours per year complying with the rule. The total annual burden is estimated to be 2,077,075 hours.