

portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EST.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

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**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Office.*

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### **Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (DHHS, FDA).

**SUMMARY:** The NRC and the DHHS, FDA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on August 26, 1993, which describes the respective roles of the FDA and NRC for regulating medical devices and radiopharmaceuticals containing radioactive materials, and the coordination between the two agencies. The MOU was noticed in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1993 (58 FR 47300). This notice announces the 3-year renewal of the MOU. The only changes to the MOU were the liaison officers for each agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry W. Camper, Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards, MS T-8 F 5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone 301-415-7231.

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### **POSTAL SERVICE**

#### **Request for Comments on Development of Strategic Plan for U.S. Postal Service, Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that the Postal Service and Federal agencies set strategic goals, measure performance, and report on results. It requires development, no later than by the end of fiscal year 1997, of a five-year strategic plan, to include the organization's mission statement, identify its long-term strategic goals, and describe how it intends to achieve its goals. The Act also requires that in developing its Strategic Plan, the Postal Service shall solicit and consider the ideas of those potentially affected by or interested in the Strategic Plan. This notice therefore asks for public comment concerning development of the Postal Service's Strategic Plan for the years 1998-2002.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be directed to Robert A.F. Reisner, Vice President, Strategic Planning, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 20260-1520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon L. Cook, (202) 268-4099.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Statutory Background**

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, Public Law 103-62, (GPRA) was enacted to make Federal programs more effective and publicly accountable by targeting results, service quality, and customer satisfaction. Other statutory goals were to improve Congressional decisionmaking and to improve internal management of the Federal Government. Public Law 103-62, section 2(b), 107 Stat 285. Because of the Postal Service's role as an

independent establishment of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, section 7 of the law establishes separate provisions which apply to the Postal Service (sections 2801-2805 of title 39, United States Code).

Section 2802 of title 39, United States Code, requires that the Postal Service submit to the President and the Congress a strategic plan for its program activities, no later than September 30, 1997. The plan is to contain:

(1) a comprehensive mission statement covering the major functions and operations of the Postal Service;

(2) general goals and objectives, including outcome-related goals and objectives, for the major functions and operations of the Postal Service;

(3) a description of how the goals and objectives are to be achieved, including a description of the operational processes, skills and technology, and the human, capital, information, and other resources required to meet those goals and objectives;

(4) a description of how the performance goals included in the plan required under section 2803 shall be related to the general goals and objectives in the strategic plan;

(5) an identification of those key factors external to the Postal Service and beyond its control that could significantly affect the achievement of the general goals and objectives; and

(6) a description of the program evaluations used in establishing or revising general goals and objectives, with a schedule for future program evaluations.

39 U.S.C. 2802(a).

The GPRA also requires the preparation of annual performance plans covering each program activity set forth in the Postal Service budget. 39 U.S.C. 2803. These plans are to link the strategic goals in the Strategic Plan with ongoing operations. In addition, the law requires preparation of program performance reports, to review and compare performance with performance goals in the annual performance plan. 39 U.S.C. 2804.

In order to involve the public in the process, GPRA requires that, as it develops its strategic plan, the Postal Service "shall solicit and consider the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in such a plan, and shall advise the Congress of the contents of the plan." 39 U.S.C. 2802(d).

#### **Discussion of the Postal Service Mission and its Strategic Planning Process**

In 1970, the Congress enacted the Postal Reorganization Act, recasting the former Post Office Department as the United States Postal Service. Its intent was that the former department evolve into a Federal entity that operates more