

safety; and (7) the proposed changes will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs. The basis for this determination for the amendment requests are shown below.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed the certificate amendment applications and concluded that they provide reasonable assurance of adequate safety, safeguards, and security, and compliance with NRC requirements. Therefore, the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, is prepared to issue amendments to the Certificate of Compliance for the Paducah (PGDP) and Portsmouth (PORTS) Gaseous Diffusion Plants. The staff has prepared a Compliance Evaluation Report which provides details of the staff's evaluation.

The NRC staff has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for a categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(19). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

The United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) or any person whose interest may be affected may file a petition, not exceeding 30 pages, requesting review of the Director's Decision. The petition must be filed with the Commission not later than 15 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. A petition for review of the Director's Decision shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner and how that interest may be affected by the results of the decision. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why review of the Decision should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the interest of the petitioner; (2) how that interest may be affected by the Decision, including the reasons why the petitioner should be permitted a review of the Decision; and (3) the petitioner's areas of concern about the activity that is the subject matter of the Decision. Any person described in this paragraph (USEC or any person who filed a petition) may file a response to any petition for review, not to exceed 30 pages, within 10 days after filing of the petition. If no petition is received within the designated 15-day period, the Director will issue the final amendments to the Certificates of Compliance without further delay. If a petition for review is received, the decision on the amendment applications will become final in 60 days, unless the Commission grants the petition for review or otherwise acts

within 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

A petition for review must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the applications for amendment and (2) the Commission's Compliance Evaluation Report. These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the Local Public Document Room.

Date of amendment requests: March 16, 1999.

Brief description of amendments: USEC submitted two separate but similar amendments for PGDP and PORTS which involve a change in the title of the Executive Vice President, Operations to Executive Vice President to reflect a restructuring of USEC.

Basis for finding of no significance:

1. The proposed amendments will not result in a change in the types of significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

The proposed amendments, which involve a change in the title of the Executive Vice President, Operations, to Executive Vice President will not result in a change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

2. The proposed amendments will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The proposed amendments, changing the title of the Executive Vice President, Operations to Executive Vice President will not significantly increase individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

3. The proposed amendments will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed changes will not result in any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impact.

4. The proposed amendments will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

The proposed amendments will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

5. The proposed amendments will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

The proposed amendments, which involve changing the title of the Executive Vice President, Operations to Executive Vice President, will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

6. The proposed amendments will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

The proposed amendments only involve changing the title of the Executive Vice President, Operations to Executive Vice President. Therefore, the proposed changes do not represent a reduction in any margin of safety.

7. The proposed amendments will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

The proposed amendments only involves changing the title of the Executive Vice President, Operations to Executive Vice President. Therefore, the proposed amendments will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

Effective date: The amendment to GDP-1 and GDP-2 will become effective upon issuance by NRC.

Certificate of Compliance Nos. GDP-1 and GDP-2: The amendments will revise the PGDP and PORTS Technical Safety Requirement Sections 3.1.1 and 3.10.4.d.

Local Public Document Room locations: Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003; Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[OPM Form 2809]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised and Expired Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.

L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised and expired information collection. OPM Form 2809, Health Benefits Registration Form, is used by annuitants and former spouses to elect, cancel, or change health benefits enrollment during periods other than open season.

There are approximately 30,000 changes to health benefits coverage per year. Of these, 20,000 are submitted on OPM Form 2809 and 10,000 verbally or in written correspondence. Each form takes approximately 45 minutes to complete; data collection by telephone or mail takes approximately 10 minutes. The annual burden for the form is 15,000 hours; the burden not using the form is 1,667 hours. The total burden is 16,667.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

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Retirement and Insurance Service,
U.S. Office of Personnel Management,
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Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer,
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Affairs, Office of Management &
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FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:
Phyllis R. Pinkney, Budget &
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Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC99-3; Order No. 1237]

Mail Classification Case

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of new classification docket.

SUMMARY: This case addresses a rate anomaly facing certain nonprofit and

classroom Periodicals class mailers. The proposed changes allow eligible mailers the option of calculating and paying postage under an alternative rate schedule. The Service also proposes postage refunds under certain circumstances. These actions remedy unintended consequences of a recent rate case. They also eliminate the incentive to create artificial distinctions to qualify for lower rates.

DATES: See Supplementary Information section for dates.

ADDRESSES: Send communications regarding this notice to the attention of Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary of the Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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20268-0001, 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 9, 1999, the Postal Service filed a request with the Commission for a recommended decision on proposed changes in the domestic mail classification schedule (DMCS). The request was filed pursuant to section 3623 of the Postal Reorganization Act, 39 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.* The request includes attachments and is supported by the testimony of one witness. It is on file in the Commission docket room and is available for inspection during the Commission's regular business hours.

The purpose of the Postal Service request is to provide a remedy for a rate anomaly affecting certain nonprofit and classroom Periodicals class mailers which inadvertently resulted from the last omnibus rate case (docket no. R97-1). For certain publications, the rates available in the nonprofit and classroom rate schedules (423.3 and 423.4, respectively) generate higher postage amounts than the regular rate schedule rates.

The Service proposes that until the Periodicals rates may be generally adjusted in the next omnibus rate case, a classification change be instituted that would allow nonprofit and classroom subclass mailings to use the regular rate schedule when such use would lower the publication's postage. Request of the United States Postal Service for a Recommended Decision on Periodicals Classification Change, April 9, 1999 ("Postal Service Request") at 1. (Even without the proposed classification change, preferred mailers affected by the rate anomaly qualify for the lower regular rates if they relinquish their preferred authorization.) The Service also proposes a new footnote to the regular rate schedule exempting nonprofit and classroom publications

with less than 10 percent advertising that use the regular rate schedule from paying the advertising pound rates. Id. at 1-2.

Potential Refunds

According to the Service, the requested classification changes are not intended to reopen for consideration those rates and fees established in docket no. R97-1, but to provide a means of access to the established regular rates for qualifying nonprofit and classroom publications using their current permits. To this end, subject to the Commission's recommendation and the Board of Governor's approval, the Service has initiated a refund procedure to address the rate anomaly as of April 9, 1999. Id. at 2. Under the refund procedure, nonprofit and classroom mailers can submit dual mailing statements and apply for a subsequent refund for the difference between the preferred postage paid and the otherwise applicable regular rate on mailings made from April 9, 1999 forward. The refund procedure is to be comparable to the established "application pending" procedure applicable to mailers applying for a preferred rate authorization, as described in domestic mail manual (DMM) §§ E270.8.0-9.0. Ibid.

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The Postal Service request is supported by the testimony of witness Taufique (USPS-T-1), who explains the rate anomaly and describes the Service's classification proposal. The testimony maintains that the request has minimal revenue and cost impact and conforms with the applicable standards of the Postal Reorganization Act (specifically, 39 U.S.C. 3623(c) classification criteria).

Proposed DMCS Provisions

The Postal Service's request proposes changes in section 441 (Periodicals) of the current DMCS to provide a remedy for the rate anomaly affecting certain nonprofit and classroom Periodicals class mailers. The proposed DMCS changes are provided as attachment A to the Service request, and likewise accompany this notice and order as attachment A. (Changes presented in italics.)

Proposed Rate Schedule

In attachment B to its request, the Service displays changes it proposes to DMCS rate schedule 421—Periodicals rate schedule 421—regular subclass). The Service's requested changes in rates accompany this notice and order as attachment B.