

require about 10 years to complete and would be an expensive alternative.

The alternative technologies that could create additional storage capacity involve additional fuel handling with an attendant opportunity for a fuel handling accident, involve higher cumulative dose to workers affecting the fuel transfers, require additional security measures that are significantly more expensive, and would not result in a significant improvement in environmental impacts compared to the proposed reracking modifications.

Reduction of Spent Fuel Generation

Generally, improved usage of the fuel and/or operation at a reduced power level would be an alternative that would decrease the amount of fuel being stored in the SFPs and thus, increase the amount of time before the maximum storage capacities of the SFPs are reached. With extended burnup of fuel assemblies, the fuel cycle would be extended and fewer off-loads would be necessary. This is not an alternative for resolving the loss of full core off-load capability that will occur as a result of the Kewaunee refueling outage scheduled for the Fall 2001, because the spent fuel to be transferred to the pool for storage has almost completed its operating history in the core. In addition, operating the plant at a reduced power level would not make effective use of available resources and would cause unnecessary economic hardship on the licensee and its customers. Therefore, reducing the amount of spent fuel generated by increasing burnup further or reducing power is not considered a practical alternative.

The No-Action Alternative

Also, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no significant change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative actions are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Kewaunee.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 12, 2000, the NRC staff consulted with the Wisconsin State official, S. Jenkins of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, regarding the environmental impact of the

proposed action. The state official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated November 18, 1999, as supplemented by letter dated August 7, 2000, which are available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of November, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Claudia M. Craig,
Section Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 October 25, 2000 (65 FR 63903). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedule C between October 1, 2000, and October 31, 2000, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as

soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during October 2000:

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective October 23, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service. Effective October 23, 2000.

Department of Commerce

Director of Advance to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective October 4, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective October 4, 2000.

Policy Advisor for International and Economic Affairs to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective October 11, 2000.

Department of Defense

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant for White House Liaison. Effective October 13, 2000.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, Constituent Relations and Corporate Liaison. Effective October 4, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regional Services, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective October 4, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Counselor to the Secretary. Effective October 23, 2000.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. Effective October 11, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 26, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board. Effective October 27, 2000.

Department of Health and Human Services

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services. Effective October 27, 2000.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing to the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner. Effective October 4, 2000.

Intergovernmental Relations Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective October 13, 2000.

Department of Justice

Assistant to the Attorney General (Director of Scheduling). Effective October 27, 2000.

Department of Labor

Advisor to the Secretary of Labor. Effective October 24, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 27, 2000.

Director of Scheduling and Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 27, 2000.

Department of State

Staff Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and White House Liaison. Effective October 27, 2000.

Department of Transportation

Deputy Assistant Administrator to the Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs. Effective October 4, 2000.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Staff Assistant (Office Automation) to the Chief of Staff, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Effective October 4, 2000.

Staff Assistant (Office Automation) to the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Effective October 4, 2000.

Small Business Administration

Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Veteran's Business Development. Effective October 11, 2000.

Confidential Advisor to the Deputy Administrator and Director of External Affairs. Effective October 16, 2000.

Speechwriter and Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective October 27, 2000.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice of a computer matching program between the OPM and the Social Security Administration (SSA) for public comment.

SUMMARY: OPM is publishing notice of its computer matching program with SSA to meet the reporting and publication requirements of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988. In this match, SSA records are used in redetermining and recomputing certain annuitants' benefits where computations are based, in part, on military service performed after December 1956 under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and for annuitants under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) who have a CSRS component in their FERS annuity computation. The purpose of this match is to identify these beneficiaries.

DATES: This matching program will become effective in November 2000, or 40 days after the agreements by the parties participating in the match have been submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), unless either the Congress or OMB objects thereto. Any public comment on this matching program must be submitted on or before January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may submit written comments to William J. Washington, Acting Assistant Director for Systems, Finance and Administration, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 4312, Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM and SSA have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between the two agencies. The purpose of the agreement is to establish the conditions under which SSA agrees to the disclosure of Social Security benefit and/or tax information to OPM. OPM, as specified in 5 U.S.C. 8332(j)(1), has an obligation to use post 1956 earnings data in redetermining and recomputing annuities for certain CSRS and FERS annuitants. Section 1106 of the Social

Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306) requires that SSA disclose the needed data to OPM.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

Report of Computer Matching Agreement Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration

A. Participating Agencies

OPM and SSA

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

Chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), provide the basis for computing annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees' Retirement System respectively, and require release of information by SSA in order to administer post 1956 data exchanges. In this match, SSA records are used in redetermining and recomputing certain annuitants' benefits where computations are based, in part, on military service performed after December 1956 under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and for annuitants under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) who have a CSRS component in their FERS annuity calculation. The purpose of this match is to identify these beneficiaries.

C. Authority for Conducting the Match Program

Chapters 83 and 84, title 5, United States Code, section 1106 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306) and the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6103).

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

SSA will disclose information from its Master Beneficiary Record (MBR) and its Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System (MEF) and manually extracted post 1956 military wage information from SSA's "1086" microfilm file when required. SSA has published routine uses for these systems of records, last published for the MBR, 60-0090 (SSA/OSR) on January 6, 1995 at 60 FR 2144 and for the MEF, 60-0059 (SSA/OSR), on December 5, 1994 at 59 FR 62407.

OPM's records consist of annuity data from its system of records entitled OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records, last published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 54930, October 8, 1999, as amended May 3, 2000 (65 FR 25775).