

with the analysis of water flow in the unsaturated zone above the proposed repository. After lunch, the Board will ask the DOE to focus on four questions from the Board, dealing in turn with waste package corrosion, repository design, the flow of water in the saturated zone below the proposed repository, and the DOE's analysis of effects of early waste package failures.

On Wednesday, January 31, the DOE will update the Board on ongoing scientific and engineering studies related to the Yucca Mountain site. The update will be followed by a briefing on DOE plans for developing a capability to monitor and confirm its projected behavior of the repository system. The DOE will explain how it intends to create a "learning organization." The DOE also will discuss the status of its efforts to quantify uncertainty in its performance assessments of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. After lunch, the DOE will discuss the latest version of its repository safety strategy. Nye County will update results obtained from the its Early Warning Drilling Program. The Electric Power Research Institute will describe its latest performance assessment of a proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

Opportunities for public comment will be provided before the lunch breaks and at the end of the sessions on both days. In addition, interested parties are invited to join Board members for coffee from 7:15 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, at the Longstreet Inn. Those wanting to speak during the public comment periods are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, the questions will be answered during the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at <http://www.nwtrb.gov>. Transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board staff, beginning on March 2, 2001.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Longstreet Inn. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact the NWTRB, Karyn Severson, External Affairs; 2300

Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495; (e-mail) [info@nwtrb.gov](mailto:info@nwtrb.gov).

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board's purpose is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Privacy Act of 1974, System of Records

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this document is to publish notice of a new Privacy Act system of records, USPS 040.060, Customer Programs-Customer Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment Records. The new system contains records about individuals who use the Postal Service's electronic bill presentment and payment (EBP) service.

**DATES:** This proposal will become effective without further notice on February 5, 2001, unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

**COMMENTS DUE BY:** February 5, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Any interested party may submit written comments on the proposed new system of records. Written comments on this proposal should be mailed or delivered to: Finance Administration/FOIA, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., RM 8141, Washington, DC 20260-5202. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert J. Faruq, 202-268-2608.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service is offering an electronic bill

presentment and payment (EBP) service that allows customers to conveniently and securely register, access, and pay their bills through the Postal Service's WEB site (<http://www.usps.com>). This notice establishes a new Privacy Act system of records, USPS 040.060, Customer Programs-Customer Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment Records, to cover individuals' records that are collected and maintained as a result of providing that service.

To use the EBP service, a customer registers once by providing identifying information, such as name, address, date of birth, telephone numbers, and e-mail address, that will be maintained in the system for that customer's transactions. Confirmation of registration and verification of the accuracy of information collected is sent by mail. Once registered, the customer can view all of his or her bill summaries that are registered with the service and navigate where applicable to the provider's or biller's site to obtain details of a particular bill. The customer then can return to the EBP service to pay that bill or any bills listed on the bill summary page. The EBP service also allows a customer to order the payment of a bill not registered with the service by providing the limited information needed for payment.

General routine use statements b, e, f, and j listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service's published system notices apply to this system in that they are disclosures routinely necessary to conduct business. These include the need to disclose in litigation involving the Postal Service; to a contractor fulfilling an agency function; to a congressional office at the request of the record's subject; and to outside auditors in connection with an audit of Postal Service finances. These general routine uses were last published in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43654-43655).

In addition, five routine uses have been added. Routine use No. 1 permits disclosure to the Postal Service contractor who is providing bill payment and customer support services for EBP. Routine use No. 2 permits disclosure to a payee or financial institution to resolve payment-posting problems. Routine use No. 3 permits disclosure to an authorized credit bureau for the purpose of identity verification. Routine use No. 4 permits disclosure for law enforcement purposes only pursuant to a federal search warrant. Routine use No. 5 permits disclosure pursuant to a federal court order.

The new system is not expected to have an adverse effect on individual

privacy rights. The contractor that maintains information collected by this system is made subject to the Privacy Act in accordance with subsection (m) of the Act (which applies when the agency provides by contract for the operation of a system of records to accomplish an agency function) and is required to apply appropriate protections subject to audit and inspection by the Postal Inspection Service. Procedures are in place to verify identity of individuals, the accuracy of information maintained, and the security of information maintained and transmitted.

Customers using the EBP service must agree to the following terms and conditions:

- The Postal Service can deny enrollment to a customer if the customer's identity or other information cannot be verified.
- The Postal Service requires customers to protect their bill payment password and not to share it with others.
- The Postal Service requires customers to report any suspected compromise of the password quickly to ensure minimal financial loss.

To register, a customer must provide a unique user name and password. Confirmation of registration is currently sent by mail to ensure the customer's identity and the accuracy of information collected by the use of a one-time payment activation code assigned to the customer, which must be entered before a payment can be initiated. The code is entered only once. In the near future, identity confirmation will be conducted online.

Security controls have been applied to protect the information during transmission and physical maintenance. The system will be housed in a restricted area with access controlled by an installed security software package, the use of logon identifications and passwords, and operating system controls. Information is transmitted in a secure session established by Secure Socket Layer or equivalent technology. These technologies encrypt or scramble the transmitted information so it is virtually impossible for anyone other than the Postal Service and its provider or biller to read it.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this notice. A report of the following new system of records has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluation.

#### **USPS 040.060**

##### **SYSTEM NAME:**

Customer Programs-Customer Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment Records, USPS 040.060.

##### **SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Postal Service Headquarters and contractor site.

##### **CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Customers who use the Postal Service's electronic bill presentment and payment (EBP) service.

##### **CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Registration information includes customer name, address, date of birth, driver's license number, home and work phone numbers, e-mail address, EBP service billing information (checking account number and bank routing number), EBP service user name/ID and password, consumer's billers registered with service, bill detail, and bill summaries. Customer social security numbers are collected but not retained by the Postal Service; they are used to confirm customer identity at time of registration.

##### **AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

39 U.S.C. 401 and 404.

##### **PURPOSE(S):**

Information in this system is used to provide electronic bill presentment and payment services to Postal Service customers.

##### **ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

General routine use statements b, e, f, and j listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service's published system notices apply to this system. Other routine uses are as follows:

1. Information from this system may be disclosed to a service provider under contract with the Postal Service for the purpose of providing electronic bill presentment and payment service and customer service support services.
2. Information from this system may be disclosed to a payee or financial institution for purposes of resolving payment-posting questions or discrepancies and questions regarding status of electronic bill payments.
3. Information from this system may be disclosed to an authorized credit bureau for the purpose of verifying identity and for determining the risk limits to be applied to each subscriber.
4. Information from this system may be disclosed for law enforcement

purposes to a government agency, either federal, state, local, or foreign, only pursuant to a federal warrant duly issued under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. See Administrative Support Manual (ASM) 274.6 for procedures relating to search warrants.

5. Information from this system may be disclosed pursuant to the order of a federal court of competent jurisdiction.

##### **POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

###### **STORAGE:**

Automated database, computer storage media, and microfiche.

###### **RETRIEVABILITY:**

The service provider retrieves information by customer identification number. The Postal Service retrieves information by customer name and address.

###### **SAFEGUARDS:**

Computer storage tapes and disks are maintained in locked filing cabinets in controlled-access areas or under general scrutiny of the service provider program personnel. Computers containing information are located in controlled-access areas with personnel access controlled by a cipher lock system, card key system, or other physical access control method, as appropriate. Authorized persons must be identified by a badge. Computer systems are protected with an installed security software package, computer logon identifications and operating system controls including access controls, terminal and user identifications, and file management. Online data transmission is protected by encryption. Contractors must provide similar protection subject to an operational security compliance review by the Postal Inspection Service.

###### **RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

1. For active subscribers, the personal enrollment data (*e.g.*, name and address) is retained as long as the subscriber's account is active, and is archived for seven (7) years after the subscriber's account ceases to be active. For non-active subscribers, the personal enrollment data collected at the time of enrollment is archived for seven (7) years after the service is canceled.
2. Payment History includes paid, canceled, and failed payments. Account Banking data includes Demand Deposit Account (DDA) number and routing number. This information is maintained for six (6) months online and is then archived to magnetic tape for seven (7) years from the date of processing.

3. Billing summary data includes bill due date, bill amount, biller information, biller representation of account number, and the various status indicators (scheduled, in progress, etc.). This information is stored on magnetic tape for two (2) years from the date of processing.

4. At the end of each record retention period, the data on tape is destroyed by over-recording.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington DC 20260-5130.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals wanting to know whether information about them is maintained in this system of records must address inquiries in writing to the system manager(s). Inquiries must contain name and address or other identifying information.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and the Postal Service Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.6.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

See Notification Procedures and Record Access Procedures above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information is furnished by record subjects and billers.

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**Privacy Act of 1974, System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** This document publishes notice of a new Privacy Act system of records, USPS 050.080, Finance Records-Suspicious Transaction Reports. The new system contains personal information about postal customers who purchase or receive money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards in a manner considered to be suspicious according to the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. 5311 *et seq.*

**DATES:** Any interested party may submit written comments on the new system of

records. This system will become effective without further notice February 5, 2001 unless comments received on or before this date result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this notice should be mailed or delivered to Finance Administration/FOIA, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, RM 8141, Washington, DC 20260-5202. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Henry Gibson (202) 268-4203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service will collect and maintain information about some of its customers to meet one of the requirements of the Federal Bank Secrecy Act. That law is designed to detect and deter money laundering. The intent of the law is to require banks and money services businesses to obtain, maintain, and/or report to the Department of Treasury certain identifying information about individuals who purchase financial instruments in a manner that raises a good faith suspicion of violation of laws and regulations dealing with money laundering pursuant to the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act. The Postal Service is named as an entity that must comply with that law (31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2)(V)). The Postal Service will maintain information about a purchaser of money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards if a Postal Service employee knows, or has a good faith reason to believe, that the purchaser is involved in activity that might be in violation of law or regulation. The Postal Service is establishing this group of records as a system of records subject to the Privacy Act.

Computer and printed records are maintained in a secured computer complex, with physical, administrative, and software controls. Access to areas within the complex where these records are maintained is restricted with card keys. Access within the area is further restricted to authorized personnel with an official need to know.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, or arguments on this notice. A report of the following proposed system has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluation.

**USPS 050.080**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Finance Records-Suspicious Transaction Reports, 050.080

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Finance, Headquarters, and St. Louis BSA Support Group, St. Louis, Missouri.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Postal Service customers who purchase money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards in a suspicious manner under the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. 5311, *et seq.*

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name, address, Social Security number, alien registration number, tax identification number, passport number, date of birth, photo identification number and type (*e.g.*, driver's license, passport, military ID), bank account number, and amount of transaction are collected on PS Form 8105-B. Regulations under the Bank Secrecy Act require that customer's identifying information, including the customer's Social Security number, be collected.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(1).

**PURPOSE(S):**

Under the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, the system will be used to obtain and maintain identifying information on Postal Service customers who purchase money orders, wire transfers, or stored value cards in a manner raising a good faith suspicion of money laundering and to comply with the reporting requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:**

General routine use statements a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and j listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service's published system notices apply to this system. Other routine uses follow:

1. Information may be disclosed to the U.S. Department of Treasury, the U.S. Justice Department, and federal law enforcement agencies pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Bank Secrecy Act, as codified in section 5318 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code.

2. Information from this system may be disclosed to a foreign entity under agreement with the Postal Service to distribute money orders and transfer funds.