

former spouse. Specific information is needed before OPM can make court-ordered benefit payments.

Approximately 19,000 former spouses apply for benefits based on court orders annually. We estimate it takes approximately 30 minutes to collect the information. The annual burden is 9,500 hours.

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**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

Ronald W. Melton, Deputy Assistant Director, Retirement Services Program, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3305, Washington, DC 20415-3500; and

Brenda Aguilar, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

*For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination—Contact:* Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services/Support Group, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management,

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice of modification to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service proposes to revise the existing system of records entitled “Emergency Management Records 500.300.” The modifications amend an existing routine use to further clarify how records relating to USPS employees and individuals responding to, or affected by, natural disasters or manmade hazards are disclosed to government agencies or disaster relief organizations.

**DATES:** The revision will become effective without further notice on

August 18, 2008 unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to the Records Office, United States Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 5821, Washington, DC 20260-2200. Copies of all written comments will be available at this address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane Eyre, Manager, Records Office, 202-268-2608.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish their amended systems of records in the **Federal Register** when there is a revision, change, or addition. The Postal Service has reviewed its systems of records and has determined that the Emergency Management Records system should be revised to modify existing routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of individuals, categories of records in the system, and the purposes of such uses. Routine use for categories of individuals covered by the system will be revised to provide clarification on how the information is disclosed during natural disasters and manmade hazards.

The Postal Service does not expect this amended notice to have any adverse effect on individual privacy rights.

“Privacy Act System of Records USPS 500.300” was originally published in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 2005 (70 FR 22518).

The Postal Service proposes amending the system as shown below:

**USPS 500.300 Emergency Management Records**

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM; CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM; PURPOSES; ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES, RETENTION AND DISPOSAL, SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS, NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE, AND RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

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

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*[Renumber existing item 2 as 3, add a new item 2 and 4 to read as follows:]*

2. Household member of USPS employees and other individuals having emergency management responsibilities officially designated by the Postal Service to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, or recover from any natural disaster or manmade hazard.

4. Individuals whose names have been provided to the Postal Service by

government agencies or disaster relief organizations as a result of a disaster or manmade hazard.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

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*[Revise items 2 and 4 to read as follows:]*

2. Medical fitness and surveillance information: Records related to medical documentation such as receipt of prophylaxis, tests, including determinations of fitness to wear protective equipment, and surveillance for exposure to hazards.

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4. Evacuee information: Records of individuals who are impacted by natural disasters or manmade hazard, such as name; postal assignment information (if USPS employee); home, work, and emergency contact information; home and work address; location in facility and activities prior to evacuation; route of exit from facility; rallying point; and emergency medical treatment administered to evacuees.

**PURPOSE(S):**

*[Revise to read as follows:]*

1. To permit collaboration among officially designated individuals who are responsible for mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from any natural disaster or manmade hazard involving the Postal Service.

2. To satisfy federal requirements for the training, fitness testing, and medical surveillance of individuals in response to a natural disaster or manmade hazard involving the Postal Service.

3. To test for the exposure of individuals to hazards.

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5. To assess the likelihood of an individual’s exposure to a hazard and to contact the individual with important health-related information.

*[Insert new item 6 as follows:]*

6. To provide information about disaster recovery programs and services to individuals affected by a natural disaster or manmade hazard.

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

Standard routine uses 1 through 9 apply.

*[Revise to read as follows:]*

a. Medical records may be disclosed to an individual’s private treating physician, to medical personnel retained by USPS, and to public health agencies to provide medical examinations, medications, or treatment to individuals covered by this system of records.

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**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

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*[Revise to read as follows:]*

2. Medical documentation including fitness and medical surveillance information is retained 30 years from the date of collection.

3. Evacuee information is retained 5 years from the date of collection.

**THE SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:***[Add the following entries:]*

Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260.

Senior Vice President, Intelligent Mail and Address Quality, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260.

Manager, Safety, Security, Emergency Planning, United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General, 1735 N. Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209.

*[Delete the following entry:]*

The Vice President, Emergency Preparedness.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:***[Revise to read as follows:]*

Current and former employees and contractors wanting to know if information about them is maintained in this system of records must address inquiries to the facility head where currently or last employed.

Headquarters employees or contractors must submit inquiries to the chief postal inspector. Requests must include full name, Social Security Number or Employee Identification Number, and employment or contract dates.

Individuals from whom evacuee information may have been collected must address inquiries to head of the facility from which they were evacuated. Household members of current or former field employees and other individuals having emergency management responsibilities officially designated by the Postal Service must address inquiries to the facility head where the postal employee in their household is currently or was last employed. Household members of current or former Headquarters employees and other individuals having emergency management responsibilities officially designated by the Postal Service must submit inquiries to the Chief Postal Inspector.

**THE RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:***[Revise to read as follows:]*

Employees; contractors; medical staff of the Postal Service; designated contractors; public health agencies; emergency response agencies, providers, and first responders; individuals who

are evacuated in the event of a natural disaster or manmade hazard; and household members of USPS employees and other individuals having emergency management responsibilities officially designated by the Postal Service.

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**BILLING CODE 7710-12-P****POSTAL SERVICE****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records****AGENCY:** Postal Service™.**ACTION:** Notice of modification to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service proposes to revise the existing system of records entitled, "Address Change, Mail Forwarding, and Related Services, 800.000." The modification clarifies the existing routine use relating to disclosure of customers' temporary changes of address to mailers; disclosure of changes of address to the American Red Cross; obtaining and sharing lists of individuals affected by disasters from other government agencies; disclosure of changes of address for domestic violence shelters; and allowances for alternative methods of customer authentication for the submission of change-of-address (COA) requests in times of emergencies as well as in the regular course of business.

*Background:* The basic function of the United States Postal Service® at all times, and especially during an emergency, is to bind the nation together through the delivery of postal services to the American public. The severity and magnitude of past catastrophic events have led to an evaluation of our records management policies. After careful review, the Postal Service believes that revisions to certain policies regarding disclosure of temporary changes of address to mailers, as well as disclosure of address information to the American Red Cross and other government agencies would be helpful, promote clarity and improve the provision of services to persons displaced by catastrophic events. Modifications to the system of records will be reflected in Categories of Individuals Covered by the System; Categories of Records in the System; Purposes of Such Uses; and Storage, Retention, and Disposal. The record source(s) for this system has also been amended to include commercially

available source(s) of customer dates of birth. Date of birth information may be collected and used for verification purposes in the event credit/debit card information is not available for electronically submitted changes of address, and only in the event of a natural or manmade disaster as determined by the Postal Service. As a form of verification, credit/debit card information is currently required for both Internet and telephone COA submissions. As a way to accommodate the customer in times of disaster, and to maintain a level of protection for Postal Service customers from fraudulent submission, an alternative method (providing date of birth) was developed as a form of identification and verification.

In addition, the Postal Service continues to encourage the use of USPS.com® for secure and convenient online change-of-address submissions. The Postal Service currently requires a valid credit/debit card to authenticate a customer and to complete a change-of-address request online. We have found that many customers wish to use our online service; however, they are unable to because they do not possess the appropriate credit/debit card required for the authentication process. In order to accommodate those customers, the Postal Service plans to pilot test an alternative authentication option for online change-of-address submissions. The objective of the test is to determine, if given a choice, which types of identification customers prefer to provide as a method of authentication. For this test, customers will be offered a choice of authentication methods. They may continue to provide a credit/debit card OR as an alternative, they may choose to provide their driver's state and license number and their date of birth. If customers choose the latter, the customers' driver's state and license number and date of birth, along with their name and previous address, will be validated through the use of an authorized commercial database.

The test will be conducted for a limited period of time and will include a small sample set of customers requesting to change their address on USPS.com. At the completion of the test period, results will be analyzed to determine if the objectives have been met. If the test is determined to be successful, this process may be implemented nationally.

The privacy and security of the mail, including the change-of-address process is the core of the Postal Service brand. Over the course of its history, the Postal Service has built a trusted brand with the public. New technology and