Federal Official (DFO), Derek Widmayer (Telephone 301–415–7366 or E-mail: Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the Federal Register on October 21, 2010, (75 FR 65038–65039).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the website cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (240–888–9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: September 21, 2011.

Yoirra Diaz-Sanabria, Technical Assistant, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

SUMMARY: To comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Postal Service intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to assess the Network Optimization initiative (the “Proposed Action”), which would create a more streamlined processing and distribution network using fewer facilities to handle reduced mail volume. The proposal also includes revisions to mailing standards. This PEA will evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed action versus taking no action. Public input is sought on the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the PEA.

DATES: Written scoping comments must be submitted by October 30, 2011. It is estimated that the Programmatic Environmental Assessment will be completed by January 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit written scoping comments or direct questions or requests for additional information to: Thomas G. Day, Chief Sustainability Officer, United States Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Room 2737, Washington DC, 20260; (202) 268–7488.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose. This notice concerns the Network Optimization initiative and the intent of the Postal Service, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, its implementing procedures at 39 CFR 775, and the President’s Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Assessment to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed action versus taking “no action.”

Proposed Action. The Postal Service is exploring options to accelerate ongoing network optimization efforts. The recently announced Network Optimization initiative (herein referred to as the “Proposed Action”) seeks to create a more streamlined processing and distribution network, using fewer facilities to handle the reduced mail volume. This initiative also includes proposals to revise mailing standards to better reflect the capacity of a new, smaller network and may result in numerous mail processing facility closures and network consolidations. The Proposed Action will be addressed programmatically under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The proposal under consideration includes studying nearly 250 processing facilities for possible consolidation or closure, reducing mail processing equipment by as much as 50 percent, dramatically decreasing the nationwide transportation network, adjusting the workforce size by as many as 35,000 positions, and revising service standards for mail services, including First-Class Mail from 1–3 days to 2–3 days.

Alternatives that will be evaluated by the Postal Service in the PEA include the above-described Proposed Action and a “No Action” alternative. Under the “No Action” alternative, the Postal Service would maintain its current processing and distribution network and service standards. The Postal Service may consider other reasonable alternatives identified during the public scoping process.

Additional information about the Network Optimization initiative, including a list of the facilities being studied for closure and consolidation, is located at the following URL: http://about.usps.com/news/electronic-press-kits/our-future-network/welcome.htm. Hard copies of this information are available upon request.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available

Extension:
Rule 10A–1; SEC File No. 270–425; OMB Control No. 3235–0468.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.