

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC does not expect that significant changes in radiation hazards to workers would result from the proposed action. In performing the Direct Transfers, WCS would follow its State of Texas-approved radiation protection procedures (e.g., Radiation Safety Procedures, as low as is reasonably achievable [ALARA] Program) to keep radiological doses to workers within the State's regulatory limits (see Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 336, Subchapter D, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation"). The WCS conducts this approved radiation protection program with an emphasis on maintaining radiological doses to workers and the general public ALARA.

To reduce the potential for inadvertent criticality, WCS would: (1) Be limited in the number of transportation packages transferred on a single conveyance to the CWF or the FWF using the total CSI of less than 50; (2) be required to have a maximum of only one transportation package open in the CWF and the FWF at the same time; and (3) be required to safely dispose of the waste in the CWF or the FWF within 24 hours.

The NRC staff does not expect the proposed action to result in substantive changes to the transportation impacts identified in prior EAs. The modified exemption request addresses only changes to onsite movement of SNM-bearing wastes. Direct Transfers to the CWF or the FWF would take place within an area under control by WCS, on pre-existing dedicated secure access roads, and with administrative controls (speed limits and enforced road blockages during Direct Transfers) intended to reduce the potential for, the severity of, and the potential consequences of accidents. Additionally, all Direct Transfers to the CWF and to the FWF would be escorted by radiation safety technicians and waste acceptance personnel. All other environmental impacts would be the same as those evaluated in the EAs that supported the previous versions of the NRC Order.

If WCS' modified exemption request is approved by the NRC staff, then the NRC would issue a new Order to supersede the 2014 Order, with new conditions added to address the modified exemption request. The WCS would continue to be permitted to possess SNM at the TSDF that meets the concentration limits and controls without an NRC part 70 license. The WCS would continue to be permitted to

possess at the TSDF, highly water soluble forms of SNM limited to amounts of SNM less than "special nuclear material of low strategic significance," as defined in 10 CFR 70.4.

The State of Texas regulates effluent releases and potential doses to the public under the WCS license. The State of Texas would continue to regulate the SNM at the WCS facility subject to the Order, as long as WCS complies with the NRC Order.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the WCS' modified exemption request. This would result in the NRC not issuing a new order that would supersede the 2014 Order (i.e., the "no action" alternative). Under that alternative, WCS would continue its currently approved program for transferring SNM wastes to either the CWF or the FWF for disposal. Under that program, WCS would offload waste packages from conveyances one at a time to stay within the current above-ground SNM possession limit. Such actions would require multiple trips (as many as needed to individually transfer waste packages) to the CWF or to the FWF. Compared to the proposed action, this would result in an increased handling of SNM wastes, with a subsequently increased possibility of accidents and radiological exposure. However, WCS would continue to conduct its state-approved radiation protection program to maintain radiological doses to workers and the general public ALARA.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On December 21, 2016, the staff consulted with the TCEQ, providing by email a copy of the draft EA for review and comment (ADAMS Accession No. ML17026A356). In an email dated January 12, 2017, the TCEQ stated that it had no comments of the draft EA (ADAMS Accession No. ML17026A360).

The proposed action does not involve the development or disturbance of additional land. Hence, the NRC has determined that the proposed action will not affect listed endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Likewise, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed action does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties even if they were present. Direct Transfers would take place on dedicated secure access roads within the WCS site, and no ground disturbing

activities are associated with the proposed action. Therefore, no consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC has reviewed WCS' December 4, 2014, request, as revised through subsequent public interactions between the NRC and WCS, to amend the 2014 Order. The NRC has found that effluent releases and potential radiological doses to the public are not anticipated to change as a result of this proposed action and that occupational exposures are expected to remain within regulatory limits and ALARA. On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC finds that the proposed action has no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

Dated: April 4, 2017.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Designation of Beneficiary, Federal Employees Retirement System, (FERS), SF 3102

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection request (ICR), Designation of Beneficiary (FERS), SF 3102.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until June 12, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Retirement Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Alberta Butler, Room 2347-E or sent via electronic mail to Alberta.Butler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB No. 3206-0173): The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Standard Form 3102 is used by an employee or an annuitant covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Designation of Beneficiary (FERS).

OMB Number: 3206-0173.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 3,888.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 972.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Representative Payee Application, RI 20-7 and Information Necessary for a Competency Determination, RI 30-3

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension without change, of a currently approved information collection request (ICR), Representative Payee Application, RI 20-7 and Information Necessary for a Competency Determination, RI 30-3.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until June 12, 2017. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Retirement Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Alberta Butler, Room 2347-E, or sent via electronic mail to Alberta.Butler@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov or faxed to (202) 606-0910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection (OMB 3206-0140). The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of OPM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Form RI 20-7 is used by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) to collect information from persons applying to be fiduciaries for annuitants or survivor annuitants who appear to be incapable of handling their own funds or for minor children. RI 30-3 collects medical information regarding the annuitant's competency for OPM's use in evaluating the annuitant's condition.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Representative Payee Application.

OMB Number: 3206-0140.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 12,480 (RI 20-7); 250 (RI 30-3).

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes (RI 20-7); 60 minutes (RI 30-3).

Total Burden Hours: 6,490.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Application To Make Deposit or Redeposit (CSRS), Standard Form 2803, and Application To Make Service Credit Payment for Civilian Service (FERS), Standard Form 3108

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension without change of a currently approved information collection (ICR), Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit (CSRS) Standard Form (SF) 2808 and Application to Make Service