

maintain the job code structure. They believed that this requirement would impose a burden that substantially detracted from the potential benefit of series consolidation.

OPM discussed the proposal and comments with the Interagency Advisory Committee (IAG). It recommended that series consolidation not be implemented at this time because:

- Barriers attributed to the classification system have been substantially resolved because of the greater use of flexibilities related to job qualifications which make it much easier to reassign employees across occupational lines;
- Considerable resources would be required to oversee and implement the consolidation without commensurate benefits; and,
- Major downsizing in most agencies, and particularly within personnel offices, preclude expending resources on system changes which are not clearly cost beneficial.

The IAG was deeply concerned that agencies simply did not have the resources to implement a system of this magnitude with their diminished staff while at the same time managing reductions and furloughs as part of downsizing initiatives and budget restrictions.

OPM agrees that the IAG recommendation has merit. Consequently, we will take no action to implement the series consolidation initiative at this time. However, OPM is writing new classification standards that are broader and more generic than the traditional coverage which was confined to one occupation. These job family standards will cover Professional, Administrative, Clerical, and Technician lines of work in each job family group and will accomplish a major goal of classification simplification.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
James B. King,
Director.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this Federal Register notice announces that

the Office of Personnel Management intends to submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget to extend a clearance for collecting data from selected Federal agencies for general purpose statistics. On a biennial basis, data on the duty stations of Federal employees not contained in the Central Personnel Data File (CPDF) are collected using OPM Form 1312 or automated means. This report is completed by eight agencies that do not submit data to the CPDF, as well as 15 CPDF agencies that employ foreign nationals overseas.

It takes approximately 12 hours per agency to comply, for a total burden of 276 hours every two years, or an annual burden of 138 hours. For copies of this proposal, call James M. Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this data collection should be received on or before June 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Randall Matke, Office of Information Technology, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 5415, Washington, D.C. 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine E. Steele, (202) 606-1817.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
Lorraine A. Green,
Deputy Director.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Vote to Close Meeting

At its meeting on April 1, 1996, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting scheduled for May 6, 1996, in Washington, D.C. The members will consider a filing with the Postal Rate Commission for classification reform of special services.

The meeting is expected to be attended by the following persons: Governors Alvarado, Daniels, del Junco, Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Mackie, McWherter, River and Winters; Postmaster General Runyon, Deputy Postmaster General Coughlin, Secretary to the Board Koerber, and General Counsel Elcano.

The Board determined that pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(c) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, this portion of the meeting is exempt from

the open meeting requirement of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(b)] because it is likely to disclose information in connection with proceedings under Chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code (having to do with postal ratemaking, mail classification and changes in postal services), which is specifically exempted from disclosure by section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code.

The Board has determined further that pursuant to section 552b(c)(10) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the discussion is exempt because it is likely to specifically concern participation of the Postal Service in a civil action or proceeding involving a determination on the record after opportunity for a hearing.

The Board further determined that the public interest does not require that the Board's discussion of these matters be open to the public.

In accordance with section 552b(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.6(a) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that in her opinion the meeting may properly be closed to public observation pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) and (10) of title 5, United States Code; section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code; and section 7.3(c) and (j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations.

Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Thomas J. Koerber, at (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

- (1) *Collection title:* Certification of Relinquishment of Rights.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-88.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0016.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* June 30, 1996.