

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2010-0013]

### Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.148

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.148, "Functional Specification for Active Valve Assemblies in Systems Important to Safety in Nuclear Power Plants."

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.148, "Functional Specification for Active Valve Assemblies in Systems Important to Safety in Nuclear Power Plants." RG 1.148 was published in March 1981. It endorsed the guidance provided by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers/American National Standards Institute (ASME/ANSI) standard N278.1-1975 and addressed the functional specification for active valve assemblies (e.g., Motor Operated Valve (MOV) actuators). ASME/ANSI Standard N278.1-1975 has been superseded by ASME QME-1, which defines requirements and provides guidelines for qualifying active mechanical equipment used in nuclear power plants.

The NRC is withdrawing RG 1.148 because the guidance it provides is outdated, and is essentially replaced by the recently issued Revision 3 of RG 1.100, "Seismic Qualification of Electric and Mechanical Equipment for Nuclear Power Plants," which endorses ASME QME-1.

##### II. Further Information

The withdrawal of RG 1.148 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. The guidance provided in this regulatory guide is neither necessary nor current. Regulatory guides may be withdrawn when their guidance is superseded by congressional action or no longer provides useful information.

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*collections*. Regulatory guides are also available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), Room O-1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. The PDR's mailing address is US NRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. You can reach the PDR staff by telephone at 301-415-4737 or 800-397-4209, by fax at 301-415-3548, and by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of January, 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

**Summary:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding two (2) Information Collection Requests (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of publication date.

#### 1. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

*Vocational Report; 3220-0141*

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides for payment of disability annuities to qualified employees and widow(ers). The establishment of permanent disability

for work in the applicants "regular occupation" or for work in any regular employment is prescribed in 20 CFR 220.12 and 220.13 respectively.

The RRB utilizes Form G-251, *Vocational Report*, to obtain an applicant's work history. This information is used by the RRB to determine the effect of a disability on an applicant's ability to work. Form G-251 is designed for use with the RRB's disability benefit application forms and is provided to all applicants for employee disability annuities and to those applicants for a widow(er)'s disability annuity who indicate that they have been employed at some time.

Completion is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The completion time for Form G-251 is estimated at between 30 and 40 minutes per response.

**Previous Requests for Comments:** The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (74 FR 56244 on October 30, 2009) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

**Title:** Vocational Report.

**Form(s) submitted:** G-251.

**OMB Control Number:** 3220-0141.

**Expiration date of current OMB clearance:** 1/31/2010.

**Type of request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated annual number of respondents:** 6,000.

**Total annual responses:** 6,000.

**Total annual reporting hours:** 3,045.

**Abstract:** Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act provides for the payment of disability annuities to qualified employees and widower(s). In order to determine the effect of a disability on an applicant's ability to work, the RRB needs the applicants work history. The collection obtains the information needed to determine their ability to work.

**Changes Proposed:** The RRB proposes minor non-burden, impacting changes to Form G-251.

#### 2. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

*Job Information Report; 3220-0193*

In July of 1997, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) adopted standards for the adjudication of occupational disabilities under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA). As part of these standards, the RRB requests job information to determine an applicant's

eligibility for an occupational disability. The job information received from the railroad employer and railroad employee is compared, reconciled (if needed), and then used in the occupational disability determination process. The process of obtaining information from railroad employers used to determine an applicant's eligibility for an occupational disability is outlined in 20 CFR 220.13(b)(2)(e).

To determine an occupational disability, the RRB determines if an employee is precluded from performing the full range of duties of his or her regular railroad occupation. This is accomplished by comparing the restrictions on impairment(s) causes against an employee's ability to perform his/her normal duties. To collect information needed to determine the effect of a disability on an applicant's ability to work, the RRB needs the applicant's work history. The RRB currently utilizes Form G-251, *Vocational Report* (OMB 3220-0141), to obtain this information from the employee applicant.

**Note:** Form G-251 is provided to *all* applicants for employee disability annuities and to those applicants for a widow(er)'s disability annuity who indicate that they have been employed at some time.

In accordance with the standards, the RRB also requests pertinent job information from employers. The employer is given thirty days from the date of the notice to respond. The responses are not required, but are voluntary. If the job information is received timely, it is compared to the job information provided by the employee. Any material differences are resolved by an RRB disability examiner. Once resolved, the information is compared to the restrictions caused by the medical impairment. If the restrictions prohibit the performance of the regular railroad occupation, the claimant is found occupationally disabled.

The RRB uses two forms to secure job information data from the railroad employer. RRB Form G-251a, Employer Job Information (job description), is released to an employer when an application for an occupational disability is filed by an employee whose regular railroad occupation is one of the more common types of railroad jobs (locomotive engineer, conductor, switchman, *etc.*) It is accompanied by a \*generic job description\* for that particular railroad job. The generic job descriptions describe how these select occupations are generally performed in the railroad industry. However, not all occupations are performed the same

way from railroad to railroad. Thus, the employer is given an opportunity to comment on whether the job description matches the employee's actual duties. If the employer concludes that the generic job description accurately describes the work performed by the applicant, no further action will be necessary. If the employer determines that the tasks are different, it may provide the RRB with a description of the actual job tasks. The employer has thirty days from the date the form is released to reply.

Form G-251b, Employer Job Information (general), is released to an employer when an application for an RRB occupational disability is filed by an employee whose regular railroad occupation does not have a generic job description. It notifies the employer that the employee has filed for a disability annuity and that, if the employer wishes, it may provide the RRB with job duty information. The type of information the RRB is seeking is outlined on the form. The employer has thirty days from the date the form is released to reply.

The completion time for Form G-251a and G-251b is estimated at 20 minutes. Completion is voluntary. The RRB estimates that approximately 125 G-251a's and 305 G-251b's are completed annually. The RRB proposes no changes to Forms G-251a and G-251b.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (74 FR 18408 on November 9, 2009) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

Information Collection Request (ICR)

*Title:* Job Information Report.

*Form(s) submitted:* G-251a, Employer Job Information (position description); G-251b, Employer Job Information (general)

*OMB Control Number:* 3220-0193.

*Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 1/31/2010.

*Type of request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Affected public:* Business or other-for profit.

*The proposed estimated annual burden for this collection is unchanged as follows:*

Estimated annual number of respondents: 430.

Total annual responses: 430.

Total annual reporting hours: 144.

*Abstract:* The collection obtains information used by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) to assist in determining whether a railroad employee is disabled from his or her regular occupation. It provides, under

certain conditions, railroad employers with the opportunity to provide information to the RRB regarding the employee applicant's job duties.

*Changes Proposed:* The RRB proposes no changes to the forms in the information collection.

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer at (312-751-3363) or [Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@rrb.gov).

Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Patricia A. Henaghan, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or [Patricia.Henaghan@rrb.gov](mailto:Patricia.Henaghan@rrb.gov) and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Charles Mierzwa,**  
Clearance Officer.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11962 and #11963]

### Virginia Disaster Number VA-00027

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the Commonwealth of Virginia (FEMA-1862-DR), dated 12/09/2009.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Flooding Associated with Tropical Depression Ida and a Nor'easter.

*Incident Period:* 11/11/2009 through 11/16/2009.

*Effective Date:* 01/07/2010.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/08/2010.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/09/2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the Commonwealth of