Proposed Rules

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 293

RIN 3206-AL24

Personnel Records

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) hereby withdraws a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding Personnel Records, published in the **Federal Register** January 18, 2008. OPM has determined withdrawal of the NPRM is appropriate as it would be impractical to issue this rule without the existence of a Governmentwide employee identifier.

DATES: The proposed rule, published on January 18, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3410), is withdrawn as of January 27, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 18, 2008, OPM issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3410) to achieve a consistent and effective policy for the restricted use of Social Security Numbers (SSN) by Federal agencies to combat fraud and identity theft.

The comment period for the NPRM closed on March 18, 2008. OPM received and considered all 66 written comments in response to the NPRM. Comments were received from 6 Federal agencies, 1 agency component, 1 Federal commission, 6 Federal insurance carriers and 1 labor union. The following is a discussion of the comments OPM received during the public comment period raised in connection with the merits of the proposed rule.

Some agencies were applying the restricted use of the SSN imposed by these rules across all government functions. OPM received several comments suggesting the adaptation of changes to part 293 was useful in understanding various positions; however, the comments were not directly related to the subpart of these rules.

Several agencies asked for clarification regarding the language used in various parts of the proposed rules.

The primary concern from all categories of respondents was the necessity to put into place an alternate employee identifier prior to implementing the proposed rules. Comments centered on the numerous systems and business practices, both internal and external to government systems, which use the SSN as a primary identifier. Systems and processes cited included electronic recruitment systems, payment of various Federal benefits (health related, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, etc.), determinations for security clearances, taxpayer identification and union dues withholding through payroll deduction, among others.

Accordingly, the proposed rule, published on January 18, 2008, in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3410), is withdrawn as of January 27, 2010.

Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

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Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Model S–92A Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the Sikorsky Model S-92A helicopters. The AD would require replacing the main gearbox (MGB) filter bowl assembly with a two-piece MGB filter bowl assembly and replacing the existing mounting studs. The AD would also require inspecting the MGB lube system filters, the housing, the housing threads, and the lockring counterbore and repairing or replacing them as necessary. This proposed AD is prompted by tests indicating that an existing MGB filter bowl assembly can fail under certain loading conditions including those associated with a damaged MGB filter or mounting stud resulting from high frequency maintenance tasks. Testing of the improved MGB filter bowl assembly demonstrates a significant increase in strength and durability over the existing filter bowl. The actions specified by this proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the MGB filter bowl assembly due to failure of the mounting studs or the filter bowl, loss of oil from the MGB, failure of the MGB, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 29, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

• *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M– 30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.