

*Department of Energy*

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy. Effective February 24, 2000.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 25, 2000.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy. Effective February 25, 2000.

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective February 7, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Executive Secretary. Effective February 7, 2000.

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Special Assistant to the Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for Management Reform. Effective February 4, 2000.

Special Events Coordinator to the Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for Management Reform. Effective February 23, 2000.

*Department of the Interior*

Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective February 1, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs. Effective February 1, 2000.

Administrative Aide to the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective February 24, 2000.

*Department of Justice*

Chief of Staff to the Director, Community Oriented Policing Services. Effective February 14, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Director, Community Oriented Policing Services. Effective February 18, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective February 24, 2000.

Secretary (OA) to the United States Attorney, Northern District of West Virginia. Effective February 29, 2000.

*Department of Transportation*

Deputy Director to the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs. Effective February 14, 2000.

Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration. Effective February 18, 2000.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs. Effective February 24, 2000.

*Department of the Treasury*

Attorney-Advisor to the General Counsel. Effective February 7, 2000.

*Export-Import Bank of the United States*

Special Assistant to the Chairman. Effective February 3, 2000.

*Federal Communications Commission*

Assistant Director to the Director, Office of Media Relations. Effective February 10, 2000.

*Federal Emergency Management Agency*

Director, Office of Public Affairs to the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Effective February 17, 2000.

*Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

Regulatory Policy Analyst to the Director, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates. Effective February 3, 2000.

*Federal Maritime Commission*

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective February 10, 2000.

*Federal Trade Commission*

Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective February 14, 2000.

*Office of Management and Budget*

Legislative Analyst to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective February 4, 2000.

*Small Business Administration*

Associate Director for Field Operations to the Associate Administrator for Field Operations. Effective February 1, 2000.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954—1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT****Privacy Act of 1974: Computer Matching Programs—OPM/Social Security Administration**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Publication of notice of computer matching to comply with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988.

**SUMMARY:** OPM is publishing notice of its computer matching program with the

Social Security Administration (SSA) to meet the reporting requirements of Public Law 100-503. The purpose of this match is for SSA to disclose benefit information to OPM to offset specific benefits.

**DATES:** The matching program will begin in March 2000, or 40 days after agreements by the parties participating in the match have been submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, whichever is later. Any public comment on this matching program must be submitted within the 30 day public period, which begins on the publication date of this notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the beginning date and may be extended an additional 12 months thereafter. The data exchange will begin at a date mutually agreeable between OPM and SSA after March 1, 2000, unless comments are received which will result in a contrary determination. Subsequent matches will take place on a recurring basis until one of the parties advises the other, in writing, of its intention to reevaluate, modify and/or terminate the agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to William J. Washington, Acting Assistant Director for Systems, Finance and Administration, 1900 E. Street NW., Room 4312, Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPM and SSA intend to conduct a computer matching program. The purpose of this agreement is to establish the conditions under which SSA agrees to the disclosure of benefit information to OPM. The SSA records will be used in a matching program with OPM's records on surviving spouses who may be eligible to receive a Supplementary Annuity, disability retirees, and child survivor annuitants, under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS). The benefits payable to these recipients are offset if paid while also in receipt of SSA benefits. OPM will use the SSA data to verify the earnings information provided directly to OPM by the recipients.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

**Report of Computer Matching Program Between the Office of Personnel Management and Social Security Administration***A. Participating Agencies*

OPM and SSA.

### *B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

Chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), requires OPM to offset specific benefits by a percentage of benefits payable under Title II of the Social Security Act. The matching will enable OPM to compute benefits at the correct rate and determine eligibility for benefits.

### *C. Authority for Conducting the Match Program*

Chapter 84, title 5, United States Code

### *D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match*

The two SSA records systems involved in the match are (1) Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, 09-60-0058 (SSA/OSR) last published on March 24, 1998 at 63 FR 14165 and (2) the Master Beneficiary Record, 09-60-0090 (SSA/OSR) last published January 6, 1995 at 60 FR 2144. The OPM records consist of annuity data from its system of records entitled OPM/Central 1-Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records, last published on October 8, 1999 at 64 FR 54930.

### *E. Description of Matching Program*

As frequently as daily, OPM will provide SSA with an extract from the annuity master file and from pending claims snapshot records via the File Transfer Management System (FTMS). The extracted file will contain identifying information concerning the disability annuitant, child survivor, or surviving spouse who may be eligible for an annuity under FERS. Each record will be matched to SSA's records and requested information transmitted back to OPM.

### *F. Privacy Safeguards and Security*

The personal privacy of the individuals whose names are included in the files transmitted are protected by strict adherence to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB's "Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988". Access to the records used in the data exchange is restricted to only those authorized employees and officials who need it to perform their official duties. Records matched or created will be stored in an area that is physically safe. Records used during this exchange and any records created by this exchange will be processed under the immediate supervision and control of authorized personnel in a manner which will protect the confidentiality of the records. The records matched and records created by the match will be

transported under appropriate safeguards. Both SSA and OPM have the right to make onsite inspection or make other provisions to ensure that adequate safeguards are being maintained by the other agency.

### *G. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program*

This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress. OPM's report to these parties must be received at least 40 days prior to the initiation of any matching activity. If no objections are raised by either, and the mandatory 30-day public notice period for comments has expired for this **Federal Register** notice with no significant adverse public comments in receipt resulting in a contrary determination, then this computer matching program becomes effective on the date specified above. By agreement between OPM and SSA, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew for 12 additional months under the terms set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(o)(2)(D).

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### **Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Public Meeting to Discuss Progress on International Harmonization of Chemical Hazard Classification and Labeling**

**SUMMARY:** The United States Government, through an interagency working group, is preparing for a series of international meetings to further develop a harmonized system of chemical hazard classification and labeling, an effort referred to as the "globally harmonized system" or GHS. The Department of State is announcing a public meeting to review the progress since the last public meeting on October 6, 1999, and to outline the issues likely to arise in upcoming international meetings. The public meeting will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2000, from 10:00 am until noon in Room 311 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. To facilitate entry, attendees should bring picture identification with them. No advance registration is necessary. For further information, please contact Marie Ricciardone, U.S. Department of

State, Office of Environmental Policy (OES/ENV), Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520; telephone (202) 647-9799; fax (202) 647-5947; e-mail RicciardoneMD@state.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of State is issuing this notice to help ensure that interested organizations and individuals are aware of and knowledgeable about the effort to internationally harmonize chemical hazard classification and labeling, and have an opportunity to offer comments. Several agencies participate in the U.S. government interagency group, including: Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. For more complete information on the harmonization process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951-15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

This meeting will provide an update on GHS activities since the previous public meeting on October 6, 1999 (see Department of State Public Notice 3121 on page 49834 of the **Federal Register** of September 14, 1999):

- Fourth Meeting of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)/International Labor Organization (ILO) Working Group on Hazard Communication, November 1-4, 1999, Washington, DC;
- Fifteenth Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, November 5, 1999, Washington, DC;
- Fifth Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Classification Criteria for Chemical Mixtures, November 8-9, 1999, Washington, DC;
- Seventeenth Session of the UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, December 6-16, 1999, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Fifth Meeting of the Expert Group on Aquatic Environmental Hazards, February 14-15, 2000, Paris, France;
- Third Meeting of the OECD Ad Hoc Expert Group on Target Organ/Systemic Toxicity of the Task Force on Harmonization of Classification and Labeling, February 16-17, 2000, Paris, France;