

a showing that applicable security requirements have been met.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of May 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[OMB No. 3206-0005]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Revised Information Collections

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

Questionnaire for Non-Sensitive Positions, Standard Form 85 (SF 85); Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions, Standard Form 85P (SF 85P); Supplemental

Questionnaire for Selected Positions, Standard Form 85PS (SF 85PS);
Questionnaire for National Security
Positions, Standard Form 86 (SF 86);
Continuation Sheet for Questionnaires
SF 85, 85P, and 86, Standard Form 86A
(SF 86A); and Certification Statement
for SF 86 (SF 86C).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.
L. 104-13), this notice announces that
the Office of Personnel Management
(OPM) submitted to the Office of
Management and Budget a request for
clearance of these information
collections:

- Questionnaire for Non-Sensitive
Positions, Standard Form 85 (SF 85);
- Questionnaire for Public Trust
Positions, Standard Form 85P (SF 85P);
- Supplemental Questionnaire for
Selected Positions, Standard Form 85PS
(SF 85PS);
- Questionnaire for National Security
Positions, Standard Form 86 (SF 86);
- Continuation Sheet for
Questionnaires SF 85, 85P, and 86,
Standard Form 86A (SF 86A);
- Certification Statement for SF 86,
Standard Form SF 86C (SF 86C); and
- Parallel, electronic versions of the
SF 85, SF 85P, SF 85PS, and SF 86,
including accompanying releases,
housed in a system named e-QIP
(Electronic Questionnaires for
Investigations Processing).

These information collections are
completed by respondents for, or

incumbents of, Government positions or
positions for the Government under
contract, or by military personnel. The
collections are used as the basis for
background investigations to establish
that such persons are:

- Suitable for employment or
retention in the position;
- Suitable for employment or
retention in a public trust position;
- Suitable for employment or
retention in a national security position;
and
- Eligible for access to classified
national security information.

The SF 86A may be used in lieu of
blank paper as a continuation of the
form with which its use is associated
and not for any unique purpose
exclusive from the associated form. The
SF 86C is used in lieu of completing a
new SF 86 and will allow the individual
to indicate that there have been no
changes in the data provided on the
most recently filed SF 86 or it will allow
the individual to easily provide new or
changed information. No investigation
will be initiated based solely on the
execution of this form.

The SF 85, SF 85P, SF 85PS, SF 86,
SF 86A, and SF 86C are completed by
both employees of the Federal
Government and individuals not
employed with the Federal Government,
including Federal contractors and
military personnel.

Federal employees are defined as
those individuals who are employed as
civilian or military personnel with the
Federal Government. Non-Federal
employees include members of the
general public and all individuals
employed as Federal and military
contractors, or individuals otherwise
not directly employed by the Federal
Government.

It is estimated that 89,400 non-Federal
individuals will complete the SF 85
annually. Each form takes
approximately 60 minutes to complete.
The estimated annual public burden is
89,400 hours.

It is estimated that 62,000 non-Federal
individuals will complete the SF 85P
annually. Each form takes
approximately 60 minutes to complete.
The estimated annual burden is 62,000
hours.

It is estimated that 3,600 non-Federal
individuals will complete the SF 85PS
annually. Each form takes
approximately 20 minutes to complete.
The estimated annual burden is 1,200
hours.

It is estimated that 104,000 non-
Federal individuals will complete the
SF 86 annually. Each form takes
approximately 120 minutes to complete.

The estimated annual burden is 208,000
hours.

It is estimated that 16,000 non-Federal
individuals will complete the SF 86A
annually. Each form takes
approximately 20 minutes to complete.
The estimated annual burden is 5,300
hours.

It is estimated that 1,200 non-Federal
individuals will complete the SF 86C
annually. Each form takes
approximately 15 minutes to complete.
The estimated annual burden is 300
hours.

e-QIP (Electronic Questionnaires for
Investigations Processing) is a Web-
based system application that houses
electronic versions of the SF 85, SF 85P,
SF 85PS, and SF 86. This Internet data
collection tool is used in place of—not
in addition to—the paper versions of
these forms. Individuals using the e-QIP
versions will enjoy the convenience of
faster processing time and immediate
data validation to ensure accuracy of
their personal information. The data
requested on these forms is consistent
with that requested on their paper
counterparts.

Users (individuals with e-QIP
accounts) of this system are
respondents, agency users, and e-QIP
administrators. The system is designed
to automate the data collection process,
apply all required data editing rules to
the respondent-supplied information,
enforce data integrity, and to provide
sponsoring agencies an automated
capability to review and approve each
respondent's submission before
releasing the data to an investigative
services provider (ISP). e-QIP serves as
a feeder system to other governmental
systems, including ISPs and sponsoring
agency personnel or security systems
such as that at the State Department.

The data contained in e-QIP is
sensitive personal information. The
Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a (b))
prescribes the restrictions on the use
and proper handling of this information,
and provides penalties for unauthorized
disclosure. The type of information
collected includes, but is not limited to:
Personal identifiers, including name,
social security number, and date and
place of birth; employment, residence,
and education history; references;
medical history; financial history;
arrests and convictions; and other
personal information of a sensitive
nature.

A respondent's complete and certified
investigative data will remain secured
in the e-QIP system until the next time
the respondent is sponsored by an
agency to complete a new investigative
form. Upon initiation, the respondent's
previously entered data (except 'yes/no'

questions) will populate a new investigative request and the respondent will be allowed to update their information and certify the data. The numerous benefits offered by e-QIP to Federal agency customers have resulted in its rapid adoption across the government. Currently there are over 3,800 e-QIP Federal agency users at over 50 different Federal agencies, to include every major cabinet department, servicing a worldwide community of respondents. At any given time there are approximately 69,000 active investigative requests in e-QIP and since October 1, 2004 over 200,000 cases have been successfully scheduled for investigation. The built-in flexibility of e-QIP allows its data collection capabilities to be utilized by other ISPs for various portions of their investigative workload.

At the beginning of FY05, e-QIP received between 300 and 500 cases per week. Presently, e-QIP receives anywhere from 5,000 to 10,000 cases per week, a significant increase in usage in a nine-month time frame. Future enhancements of e-QIP include a re-designed agency user menu for version 2.0, the addition of the common financial form (SF-714), and the automation of revised versions of the SF 85, SF 85P, SF 85PS, and SF 86. Additionally, as of April 1, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) will use e-QIP, in some capacity, to collect security clearance application information from respondents and transmit them to OPM.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, Fax (202) 418-3251, or e-mail at marybeth.smith-toomey@opm.gov. Please be sure to include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Filings and
Information Services, Washington, DC
20549.

Extension: Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7; SEC
File No. 270-151; OMB Control No.
3235-0291.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7: Recordkeeping Requirements for Transfer Agents

Rule 17Ad-6 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-6) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78b *et seq.*) requires every registered transfer agent to make and keep current records about a variety of information, such as: (1) Specific operational data regarding the time taken to perform transfer agent activities (to ensure compliance with the minimum performance standards in Rule 17Ad-2 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-2)); (2) written inquiries and requests by shareholders and broker-dealers and response time thereto; (3) resolutions, contracts or other supporting documents concerning the appointment or termination of the transfer agent; (4) stop orders or notices of adverse claims to the securities; and (5) all canceled registered securities certificates.

Rule 17Ad-7 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-7) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78b *et seq.*) requires each registered transfer agent to retain the records specified in Rule 17Ad-6 in an easily accessible place for a period of six months to six years, depending on the type of record or document. Rule

17Ad-7 also specifies the manner in which records may be maintained using electronic, microfilm, and microfiche storage methods.

These recordkeeping requirements ensure that all registered transfer agents are maintaining the records necessary to monitor and keep control over their own performance and for the Commission to adequately examine registered transfer agents on an historical basis for compliance with applicable rules. We estimate that approximately 785 registered transfer agents will spend a total of 392,500 hours per year complying with Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7. Based on average cost per hour of \$50, the total cost of compliance with Rule 17Ad-6 is \$19,625,000.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirements under Rule 17Ad-6 is six months to one year. In addition, such records must be retained for a total of two to six years or for one year after termination of the transfer agency, depending on the particular record or document. The recordkeeping requirements under Rules 17Ad-6 and 17Ad-7 are mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; or send an e-mail to: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, or send an e-mail to PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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