

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70–27]

Summary of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Exemption to Licensed Physician Requirements for BWX Technologies, Inc., Lynchburg, VA

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuing an exemption to BWX Technologies, Inc. (BWXT), the holder of NRC special nuclear materials License SNM–42. The proposed action would exempt BWXT from certain requirements set forth in 10 CFR 73.46(b) and Part 73 Appendix B. The exemptions would authorize the licensee to allow medical examinations to be given by licensed nurse practitioners authorized to practice medicine by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The exemptions would allow such nurses, in addition to licensed physicians, to give medical examinations that are required prior to allowing personnel to participate in physical fitness tests. The exemptions would be to requirements stated in 10 CFR 73.46(b)(10)(iii) and (iv); 73.46(b)(11)(iii) and (v); 73.46(b)(12)(ii); and Part 73 Appendix B paragraphs I.B.1.b, I.B.2.b, and I.C.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51 the NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate. If approved, the exemption would be issued following the publication of this Notice.

II. EA Summary

As stated above, the staff has prepared an EA in support of the proposed action. The EA contains sensitive information and is not publicly available. The NRC

staff has concluded that issuing the proposed exemptions will not result in a significant impact to the environment. The NRC staff concluded that the proposed action will not adversely affect federally listed species or federally designated critical habitat because no federally listed species are known to occur in the project area. The NRC staff found that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed action.

The proposed action does not have a potential to affect the probability or consequences of accidents; the types or amounts of effluents; nor occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, the NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed action, and has determined that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action can be accessed on the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) that provides electronic copies of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession number for the **Federal Register** notice related to this action is: Notice of License Amendment Request of BWX Technologies, Inc., Lynchburg, VA (ML063050294). If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of November 2006.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian Smith,

Acting Chief, Fuel Facility Licensing Directorate, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety, and Safeguards.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public

comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Application and Claim for Sickness Insurance Benefits; OMB 3220–0039

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), sickness benefits are payable to qualified railroad employees who are unable to work because of illness or injury. In addition, sickness benefits are payable to qualified female employees if they are unable to work, or if working would be injurious, because of pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth. Under Section 1(k) of the RUIA, a statement of sickness with respect to days of sickness of an employee is to be filed with the RRB within a 10-day period from the first day claimed as a day of sickness. The RRB's authority for requesting supplemental medical information is Section 12(i) and 12(n) of the RUIA. The procedures for claiming sickness benefits and for the RRB to obtain supplemental medical information needed to determine a claimant's eligibility for such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR Part 335.

The forms currently used by the RRB to obtain information needed to determine eligibility for and the amount of sickness benefits due a claimant follows: Form SI–1a, Application for Sickness Benefits; Form SI–1b, Statement of Sickness; Form SI–3, Claim for Sickness Benefits; Form SI–7, Supplemental Doctor's Statement; Form SI–8, Verification of Medical Information; Form ID–7h, Non-Entitlement to Sickness Benefits and Information on Unemployment Benefits; Form ID–11a, Requesting Reason for Late Filing of Sickness Benefit and ID–11b, Notice of Insufficient Medical and Late Filing. Completion is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes the addition an equivalent Internet version of Form SI-3, Claim for Sickness Benefits to the information collection. The internet equivalent Form SI-3 will essentially mirror the manual RRB Form SI-3 currently in use, but will also provide the claimant the ability to change their direct deposit information in addition to

the ability to complete and file the claim via the Internet. Revisions to Form ID-11a and ID-11b to add an item requesting information regarding why a claimant filed their claim late are also proposed.

No changes are proposed to Form(s) SI-1b, SI-7, SI-8, and ID-7h. Minor, non-burden impacting editorial changes

are proposed to Form(s) SI-1a and SI-3.

Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form #(s)	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
SI-1a	22,200	10	3,700
SI-1b(Doctor)	22,200	8	2,960
SI-3 (manual)	135,200	5	11,267
SI-3 (Internet)	33,800	5	2,816
SI-7	33,600	8	4,480
SI-8	50	5	4
ID-7H	50	5	4
ID-11A	800	4	53
ID-11B	1,000	4	67
Total	248,900		25,351

Additional Information or Comments

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-6; SEC File No. 270-392; OMB Control No. 3235-0447.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission

plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 17f-6 (17 CFR 270.17f-6) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a) permits registered investment companies ("funds") to maintain assets (*i.e.*, margin) with futures commission merchants ("FCMs") in connection with commodity transactions effected on both domestic and foreign exchanges.¹ Prior to the rule's adoption, funds generally were required to maintain these assets in special accounts with a custodian bank.

The rule requires a written contract that contains certain provisions designed to ensure important safeguards and other benefits relating to the custody of fund assets by FCMs. To protect fund assets, the contract must require that FCMs comply with the segregation or secured amount requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") and the rules under that statute. The contract also must contain a requirement that FCMs obtain an acknowledgment from any clearing organization that the fund's assets are held on behalf of the FCM's customers according to CEA provisions. Finally, FCMs are required to furnish to the Commission or its staff on request information concerning the fund's assets in order to facilitate Commission inspections.

¹ Custody of Investment Company Assets With Futures Commission Merchants and Commodity Clearing Organizations, Investment Company Act Release No. 22389 (Dec. 11, 1996) (61 FR 66207 (Dec. 17, 1996)).

The Commission estimates that approximately 2,275 funds effect commodities transactions and could deposit margin with FCMs under Rule 17f-6 in connection with those transactions. Commission staff estimates that each fund uses and deposits margin with two different FCMs in connection with its commodity transactions.²

The Commission estimates that each of the 2,275 funds spends an average of 1 hour annually complying with the contract requirements of the rule (*i.e.*, executing contracts that contain the requisite provisions with additional FCMs), for a total of 2,275 annual burden hours. The estimate does not include the time required by an FCM to comply with the rule's contract requirements because, to the extent that complying with the contract provisions could be considered "collections of information," the burden hours for compliance are already included in other PRA submissions or are de minimis.³ The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction

² This estimate is based on information conversations with representatives of the fund industry.

³ The rule requires a contract with the FCM to contain three provisions. Two of the provisions require the FCM to comply with existing requirements under the CEA and rules adopted under that Act. Thus, to the extent these provisions could be considered collections of information, the hours required for compliance would be included in the collection of information burden hours submitted by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for its rules. The third contract provision requires that the FCM produce records or other information requested by the Commission or its staff. Commission staff has requested this type of information from an FCM so infrequently in the past that the annual burden hours are de minimis.