

significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the revised proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the revised proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the revised proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the revised proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the revised proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the revised proposed action would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for SONGS dated April 1981.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On November 29 and December 17, 2001, the NRC staff consulted with the California State official, Ben Tong of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments on the environmental impact; however, the State official did not agree with rescheduling the exercise. The State official's comments will be addressed in the safety evaluation supporting the exemption. In addition, by phone on December 3, 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) indicated that it had no disagreement with rescheduling the exercise.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the revised proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the revised proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated September 18, 2001. Documents

may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of December, 2001.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

Board Votes To Close December 13, 2001, Meeting

By paper and telephone vote on December 11-13, 2001 the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting held in Washington, DC via teleconference. The Board determined that prior public notice was not possible.

ITEM CONSIDERED: Rate Case R2001-1.

GENERAL COUNSEL

CERTIFICATION: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Request for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, David G. Hunter, at (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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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

Statement Regarding Contributions and Support of Children, RRB Form G-139 Section 2(d)(4) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), provides, in part, that a child is deemed dependent if the conditions set forth in Section 202(d)(3), (4) and (9) of the Social Security Act are met. In accordance with amendments to the Social Security Act (section 104 of Public Law 104-21) the RRB amended its regulations to eliminate to "living-with" requirement (as an alternative to actual dependency) as a basis for eligibility for an annuity as the stepchild of a railroad employee, and also to provide for the termination of the inclusion of a stepchild in the computation of the social security overall minimum guarantee provision when the stepparent's marriage to the natural parent is terminated.

The regulations outlining child support and dependency requirements are prescribed in 20 CFR 222.50.

Prior to the amendments to the Social Security Act, almost all child dependency determinations were "deemed" based on a child living with the railroad employee. To determine entitlement based on actual dependency, the RRB must solicit financial information regarding a child's means of support. A comparison is then made between the amount of support received from the railroad employee and the amount received from other sources.

The RRB uses Form G-139, Statement Regarding Contributions and Support of Children, to collect information needed to adequately determine if the child meets the dependency requirement. Completion will be required to obtain a benefit. One response is required of each respondent. The RRB estimates that 500 Form G-139's will be