

available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kugler's attention no later than May 22, 2002, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew J. Kugler, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Mr. Kugler may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of April, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Pao-Tsin Kuo,

Acting Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Solicitation of Comments on Draft NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 2604, "Licensee Performance Review"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: The Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards of the NRC has issued a draft revision to Inspection Manual Chapter (MC) 2604, "Licensee Performance Review" for stakeholder review and comment. The Licensee Performance Review (LPR) process is part of the NRC's oversight program for commercial nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR parts 40, 70, and 76. These facilities currently include gaseous diffusion plants, uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production facility.

Through the proposed revision to MC 2604, the staff intends to make the LPR process more risk informed by: focusing the periodic performance reviews on safety- and safeguards-significant issues; discontinuing the practice of aggregating non-significant issues; eliminating the use of "strengths" and "challenges to performance" in characterizing facility performance, and; replacing the term "weaknesses" with "areas needing

improvement." In addition to enhancing the safety focus of facility performance assessment, the staff believes that these changes should make the LPR process more efficient. Accordingly, the staff has shortened the time span to produce an LPR report by several weeks, which will result in the reports being more timely. The staff intends to continue holding public meetings in the vicinity of facilities to present LPR results to licensees and interested stakeholders.

The availability of this document is the latest step in an NRC effort to improve its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. The staff has recently revised its approach to this project to revise first the LPR process, then the inspection program, pending the implementation of changes resulting from the recent revision to 10 CFR part 70. The staff's revised approach is described more fully in a March 18, 2002, memorandum from the Executive Director for Operations to the Commission. This memorandum is available in the Public Document Room, in ADAMS (accession number ML012770063), and on the NRC technical conference Web site at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>.

Opportunity To Comment: To provide NRC with stakeholder views on proposed changes to the process used to assess the safety and safeguards performance of fuel facilities, interested parties are invited to comment on the draft revision to MC 2604.

DATES: Written comments must be received prior to May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the draft revision to MC 2604 may be obtained by writing to the Inspection Section, Special Projects and Inspection Branch (M/S T8H7), Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments on this document should be sent to this same address.

The draft revision to MC 2604 is also available on the NRC technical conference Web site at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Castleman, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, M/S T8H7, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-8118, e-mail pic@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of April, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Melvyn N. Leach,

Chief, Special Projects and Inspection Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2002 Pay Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain categories of Federal employees in January 2002. This notice documents those pay adjustments for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Roberts, Office of Compensation Administration, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-2858, FAX (202) 606-0824, or email to payleave@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 28, 2001, the President signed Executive Order 13249 (67 FR 639, January 7, 2002), which implemented the January 2002 across-the-board adjustments for the statutory pay systems and the 2002 locality pay adjustments for General Schedule (GS) employees in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The President made these adjustments consistent with Public Law 107-67, November 12, 2001, which authorized an overall average pay increase of 4.6 percent for General Schedule employees.

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13249 provides the rates for the 2002 General Schedule and reflects a 3.6 percent general increase. Executive Order 13249 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2002 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13249.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13182 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2002 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. In 2002, locality payments ranging from 8.64 percent to 19.04 percent apply to GS employees in 32 locality pay areas.

These 2002 locality pay percentages, which replaced the locality pay percentages that were applicable in 2001, became effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2002. An employee's locality-adjusted annual rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of basic pay (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5302(8) and 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.605.)

Executive Order 13249 establishes the new Executive Schedule, which incorporates the 3.4 percent increase (rounded to the nearest \$100) required under 5 U.S.C. 5318. The Executive order also reflects a decision by the President to increase the rates of basic pay for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) by 3.6 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) at levels ES-1 through ES-3 and by 3.4 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100) at levels ES-4 through ES-6. The maximum rate of basic pay for SES members is limited by law to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule, which is now \$130,000.

The Executive order adjusted the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) at levels AL-2 and AL-3 by approximately 5.4 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100). The rate of basic pay for AL-1 was increased by approximately 3.4 percent, since that rate is capped at the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372.)

The rates of basic pay for Board of Contract Appeals (BCA) members are calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, BCA rates of basic pay were increased by approximately 3.4 percent. Also, the maximum rate of basic pay for senior-level (SL) and scientific or professional (ST) positions was increased by approximately 3.4 percent (to \$130,000) because it is tied to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. The minimum rate of basic pay for SL/ST positions is equal to 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15 and thus was increased by 3.6 percent (to \$99,096). (See 5 U.S.C. 5376.)

On December 6, 2001, the President's Pay Agent extended the 2002 locality-based comparability payments to the same Governmentwide and single-agency categories of non-GS employees that received the 2001 locality payments. The Governmentwide categories include members of the SES, the Foreign Service, the Senior Foreign Service, employees in SL/ST positions, ALJs, administrative appeals judges, and BCA members.

OPM published "Salary Tables for 2002," (OPM Doc. 124-48-6) in April 2002. This publication provides complete salary tables incorporating the 2002 pay adjustments, information on general pay administration matters, locality pay area definitions, Internal Revenue Service withholding tables, and other related information. The rates of pay shown in this publication are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice. You may purchase copies of "Salary Tables for 2002" from the Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling (202) 512-1800 (outside the DC area: 1-866-512-1800) or FAX (202) 512-2250. You may order copies directly from GPO on the Internet at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>. In addition, you can find pay tables on OPM's Internet Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm>.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rule 236, SEC File No. 270-118 and OMB Control No. 3235-0095]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Requests Under Review by Office of Management and Budget Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

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") 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 for extension and approval.

Rule 236 under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") requires issuers choosing to rely on an exemption from Securities Act registration for the issuance of fractional shares, scrip certificates or order forms, in connection with a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, conversion, merger or similar transaction to furnish specified information to the Commission in writing at least ten days prior to the offering. The information is needed to provide public notice that an

issuer is relying on the exemption. Public companies are the likely respondents. An estimated ten submissions are made pursuant to Rule 236 annually, resulting in an estimated annual total burden of 15 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 17, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rule 10f-3, OMB Control No. 3235-0226 and SEC File No. 270-237]

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

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension and approval of the collection of information discussed below.

Section 10(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 [15 U.S.C. 80a-10(f)] (the "Act" or "Investment Company Act") prohibits a registered investment company ("fund") from purchasing any security during an underwriting or selling syndicate if the fund has certain relationships with a