

security, and environmental protection mission, without imposing unnecessary regulatory burden. This requires the NRC to consider the effects of a more dynamic domestic environment and a globalized non-LWR industry. Furthermore, the NRC recognizes the benefits of having a flexible regulatory framework, allowing potential applicants to select a best-fit path towards regulatory reviews and decisions. Examples of these flexibilities are described in the draft document.

The vision and strategy described in the draft document, once executed, will achieve the goal of assuring the NRC's readiness to effectively and efficiently review and regulate non-LWRs, while still protecting public health and safety, promoting the common defense and security, and protecting the environment. The strategy has three strategic objectives: Enhancing technical readiness, optimizing regulatory readiness, and optimizing communication. The steps needed to reach the readiness target are described in a series of supporting strategies and contributing activities, to be executed during near-term, mid-term, and long-term timeframes. Example schedules that help inform the vision and strategy implementation with potential non-LWR development, application, construction, and operation timeframes are also discussed in the draft document.

The NRC's approach under this non-LWR vision and strategy consists of two phases. Phase 1 is the conceptual planning phase used to lay out the vision and strategy, gather public feedback, and finalize the NRC's approach. Phase 2 includes detailed internal work planning efforts and task execution. Both phases began in 2016. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in 2016, and Phase 2 has a target completion date of not later than 2025.

The NRC's principles of good regulation—*independence, openness, efficiency, clarity, and reliability*—are embodied in this vision and strategy. While the NRC does not promote any particular reactor technology, its responsibilities as a regulator include working effectively with all stakeholders, clearly communicating its requirements, and providing regulatory information and feedback in a timely manner. Achieving this non-LWR readiness goal should also provide significant regulatory certainty to the non-LWR industry, potential applicants, and other stakeholders.

The NRC encourages all interested parties to comment on the draft non-LWR vision and strategy document, particularly on the near-term non-LWR

regulatory review options. Stakeholder feedback will be valuable in helping the NRC develop a final non-LWR vision and strategy that has the benefit of considering the many views of the public and the regulated industry. The NRC will consider the comments submitted and may use them, as appropriate, in the preparation of the final document; however, the NRC does not anticipate responding to individual comments.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of July 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for Review: 3206-0233, Civil Service Retirement System Survivor Annuitant Express Pay Application for Death Benefits, RI 25-051

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection request (ICR) 3206-0233, Civil Service Retirement System Survivor Annuitant Express Pay Application for Death Benefits, RI 25-51. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 19, 2016. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Services, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415-0001, Attention: Alberta Butler, Room 2347-E, or sent via electronic mail to [Alberta.Butler@opm.gov](mailto:Alberta.Butler@opm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this ICR with applicable

supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to [Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov](mailto:Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov) or faxed to (202) 606-0910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

RI 25-51 will be used by the Civil Service Retirement System solely to pay benefits to the widow(er) of an annuitant. This application is intended for use in immediately authorizing payments to an annuitant's widow or widower, based on the report of death, when our records show the decedent elected to provide benefits for the applicant.

### Analysis

**Agency:** Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

**Title:** Civil Service Retirement System Survivor Annuitant Express Pay Application for Death Benefits.

**OMB:** 3206-0233.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Number of Respondents:** 34,800.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Total Burden Hours:** 17,400.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Beth F. Cobert,**  
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