States' complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for the unauthorized discharge of oily bilge water into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of New Jersey from an articulated towing vessel and related violations of the Coast Guard's pollution control regulations. The defendant has since sold the articulated barge and towing vessel and represents that it is no longer in the maritime shipping business. The settlement requires the defendant to pay a $350,000 civil penalty.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Stipulation of Settlement. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Energy and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States* v. *Unico Marine Services, LLC,* D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–12753. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	*Send them to:*
By email	*pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.*
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed in whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

During the public comment period, the Stipulation of Settlement may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: *https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.* If you require assistance accessing the Stipulation of Settlement, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

Eric D. Albert,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Energy and Natural Resources Division.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities: Reinstatement With Change of a Previously Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is seeking to reinstate with change a previously approved information collection request (ICR), identified by OMB Control No. 3124–0017, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). MSPB will submit the ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance. MSPB's ICR expired on September 30, 2026. This information collection is part of MSPB's statutory mission to adjudicate appeals of certain Federal agency personnel and retirement actions and certain alleged violations of law. The information collection instruments consist of the Initial Appeal Form in different collection mediums: paper; PDF; and electronically through MSPB's electronic filing system, e-Appeal. Through this collection and approval process, MSPB is complying with normal clearance procedures. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment after submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to *https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find this particular information collection by selecting ''Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function. All comments must reference OMB Control No. 3124–0017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina K. Grippando, Clerk of the Board and Senior Agency Official for Privacy, at *privacy@mspb.gov.* You may submit written questions to the Office of the Clerk of the Board by email to *privacy@mspb.gov.* Please include OMB Control No. 3124–0017 in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MSPB is authorized to adjudicate appeals of certain Federal agency personnel and retirement actions and certain alleged violations of law. *See* 5 U.S.C. 7701(a); 5 U.S.C. 1204. The Board has published its regulations for processing appeals at 5 CFR parts 1201, 1208, and 1209, which include the information required to be submitted to initiate a new appeal. Individuals must provide this information in writing and are not required to use a particular format.

The purpose of collecting the information is to ensure that individuals submit the required information to file an appeal, as set forth in MSPB's regulations. While no specific format is required, MSPB provides an appeal form, MSPB Form 185 (Initial Appeal Form), to assist individuals in the efficient and timely submission of the information.

As set forth in statute and regulation, MSPB is a quasi-judicial agency of limited jurisdiction. The Board's regulations require that appellants provide certain information when filing an appeal so that the Board can determine whether it has jurisdiction over the appeal and whether the appeal has been filed within the applicable time limit. Although an appeal may be filed in any format, including letter form, the Initial Appeal Form is designed to assist individuals in submitting the required information, and to ensure that individuals file appeals that meet the jurisdictional requirements of MSPB. The information required to file an appeal is set forth at 5 CFR 1201.24, 1208.13, 1208.23, and 1209.6. Once obtained, this information allows MSPB to docket the appeal for assignment, typically to an administrative judge to adjudicate the appeal. If this information is not collected, the process of determining whether MSPB has jurisdiction over any given appeal and any subsequent adjudication will be less efficient and more time consuming.

Appeal Form 185

The Initial Appeal Form (Form 185) for this reinstatement is substantially similar to the recently expired Initial Appeal Form with the following updates. The Instructions include edits to remove references to field offices and an update to the Privacy Act Statement to reflect the current system of records notice for appeals and case records. Part 2—Agency Personnel Action or Decision (non-retirement) includes updates to address changes in laws or regulations, including recent regulatory revisions that went into effect on September 2, 2026. Specifically, it removes the following check boxes: ''Termination during probationary or initial service period'' and ''Negative suitability determination.'' It also modifies the check box that currently states ''Separation, demotion or furlough for more than 30 days by reduction in force (RIF)'' to state ''Reduction-in-force (RIF) action in the Foreign Service.'' And it adds a new check box for ''Failure to restore to duty from Uniformed Service or work-related compensable injury.'' Appendix B includes updates to remove the Denver Field Office and add to the Western Regional Office the following states:

Arizona, Colorado, Kansas (except Kansas City), Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. There are also non-substantive formatting updates throughout the Initial Appeal Form.

Law Firm Point of Contact Collection Form

There are no changes to the previously approved form.

e-Appeal Technical Support Collection Form

There are no changes to the previously approved form.

Title: Information Collection Submission for ''E-Appeal/U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board Appeal Form.''

OMB Control No.: 3124–0017.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement with Change of a previously approved information collection.

ICR Status: This ICR expired on September 30, 2026. 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 OMB control number.

Abstract of Proposed Collection: This information collection is necessary to ensure that individuals submit the required information to file an appeal, as set forth in MSPB's regulations, including information about the appellant and the personnel action or decision that is being appealed.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Frequency of Responses: Once per year.

Estimated Total Average Number of Responses for Each Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,500.

Estimated Total Cost: $294,075.

Comments: Submit comments as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. MSPB is soliciting comments to: (a) evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of MSPB, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) evaluate the estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Gina K. Grippando,

Clerk of the Board.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 26–12]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Reinstatement With Change of a Previously Approved Collection: Restricted Data Use Application

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: 60 Day notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) invites public comment on a proposed reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection that the agency will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. This document describes the collection of information for which the MCC intends to seek OMB approval. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection request to OMB.

DATES: Comments are due by January 22, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Please send all written comments by email to Christopher Ice, Chief Information Officer, *icece@mcc.gov.* Include the docket number or OMB Control Number in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documentation, may be directed to Christopher Ice, Chief Information Officer, MCC, via email at *icece@mcc.gov,* or by telephone at 202–521–2652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MCC's functions; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the proposed collection; (c) ways for MCC to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection and your comments will become a matter of public record.

Title of Information Collection: MCC Restricted Data Use Application.

OMB Control Number: 0414–0001.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with changes of a previously approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Researchers, including university and college faculty and students, who will use this data for statistical analysis.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: Approximately 10 new respondents are expected annually to access MCC-funded restricted data.

Frequency: One application per respondent for each restricted data package requested.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 10 hours total.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

Respondents' Obligation: Voluntary reply.

Abstract: MCC is requesting reinstatement, with changes, of a previously approved information collection under OMB Control Number 0414–0001. This collection expired on April 30, 2025. The agency seeks to reinstate the collection with several substantive modifications designed to simplify the application process for respondents and the review process for the agency. Specifically, MCC would no longer require documentation of review by an institutional review board unless a research project uses additional data sources that could permit subjects to be reidentified; and MCC would conduct