

position on IEEE Std 7-4.3.2-2003, "Standard Criteria for Digital Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Generating Stations," which was prepared by Working Group SC 6.4, "Application of Programmable Digital Computers to Safety Systems," of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Nuclear Power Engineering Committee. This standard evolved from IEEE Std 7-4.3.2-1993 and reflects advances in digital technology. It also represents a continued effort by IEEE to support the specification, design, and implementation of computers in safety systems of nuclear power plants. In addition, IEEE Std 7-4.3.2-2003 specifies computer-specific requirements to supplement the criteria and requirements of IEEE Std 603-1998, "Standard Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations."

In Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.152, the staff endorses IEEE Std 7-4.3.2-2003, with certain exceptions, as an acceptable method for satisfying the NRC's regulations with respect to (1) high functional reliability and design requirements for computers used in safety systems of nuclear power plants, and (2) independence between safety software and nonsafety software residing on the same computer.

The NRC previously solicited public comments on this revised guide by publishing a **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 75359) concerning Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1130 on December 16, 2004. Following the closure of the public comment period on March 14, 2005, the staff considered all stakeholder comments in the course of preparing Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.152.

The NRC staff encourages and welcomes comments and suggestions in connection with improvements to published regulatory guides, as well as items for inclusion in regulatory guides that are currently being developed. You may submit comments by any of the following methods.

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Fax comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.152 may be directed to NRC Senior Program Manager, Satish Aggarwal, at (301) 415-6005 or [SKA@nrc.gov](mailto:SKA@nrc.gov).

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of December, 2005.

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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:* Survivor Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0032.

Under Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), benefits that may be due on the death of a railroad employee or a survivor annuitant include (1) a lump-sum death benefit (2) a residual lump-sum payment (3) accrued annuities due but unpaid at death, and (4) monthly survivor insurance payments. The requirements for determining the entitlement of possible beneficiaries to these benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 234.

When the RRB receives notification of the death of a railroad employee or survivor annuitant, an RRB field office utilizes Form RL-94-F, Survivor Questionnaire, to secure additional information from surviving relatives needed to determine if any further benefits are payable under the RRA. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes no changes to Form RL-94-F. The completion time for the RL-94-F is estimated at between 5 to 11 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 8,000 responses are received annually.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.gov). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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