

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1094 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide) has been developed to provide a comprehensive fire protection guidance document, and to identify the scope and depth of fire protection that the staff has determined to be acceptable for operating nuclear plants. This guide may be used for licensee self-assessments and as the deterministic basis for future rulemaking. This guide has been developed from a compilation of fire protection regulations, generic communications, Branch Technical Positions, and other NRC guidance. In addition, as appropriate, new guidance is provided where the existing guidance is weak or non-existent. The specific NRC fire protection requirements applicable to any given operating reactor are a function of licensing dates, specific license conditions, rule applicability statements, approved exemptions/deviations, and individual plant Safety Evaluation Reports (SERs). It is not possible to capture in a single guide all the compliance alternatives that have been previously accepted by the NRC for a given plant. This guide presents the best available methods for meeting fire protection requirements and objectives that are acceptable to the Commission, and will be used in the evaluation of fire protection programs for operating nuclear power plants. Nothing in this guide prohibits a licensee from proposing an alternative method(s) for complying with specified portions of the Commission's regulations.

The draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to David L. Meyers, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments will be most helpful if received by January 7, 2000.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's Technical Conference website (<http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>). For information contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. E.A. Connell, (301) 415-2838; e-mail EAC@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC, and at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax to (301) 415-2289, or by e-mail to Distribution@nrc.gov. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory Guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 25th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Public Availability of Agency Inventories Under the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-270) ("FAIR Act")

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Public Availability of Commercial Activities Inventories.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) hereby announces that the FAIR Act Commercial Activities Inventories are now available to the public from the agencies listed below.

The "Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998" (Public Law 105-270) ("FAIR Act") requires that OMB publish an announcement of public availability of agency Commercial Activities Inventories upon completion of OMB's review and consultation process concerning the agencies' inventory submissions. OMB has completed this process for the agencies listed below. Further announcements will be published as OMB completes the review process for additional agencies. Commercial Activities Inventories are now available from the following agencies:

Agency and Contact

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation—Carol McLain, 202-606-8511
 Armed Forces Retirement Home—Richard Conoboy, 202-722-3228.
 Broadcasting Board of Governors—Dennis Sokol, 202-619-3988.
 Commission on Fine Arts—Jeff Carson, 202-504-2200
 Commodity Futures Trading Commission—Emory Beville, 202-418-5187
 Consumer Product Safety Commission—Edward E. Quist, 301-504-0029 ext. 2240
 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board—Andrew Thibadeau at 202-694-7000
 Department of Energy—Mark R. Hively, 202-586-5655, e-mail: mark.hively@hq.doe.gov, web site:
 Department of the Interior—Jennings Wong, 202-208-6704; web site: www.ios.doi.gov/pam/pamhome.html
 Department of Labor—Al Stewart, 202-693-4021
 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission—Allan Fisher, 202-663-4201
 Federal Election Commission—John O'Brien, 202-694-1215
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—Paul McKee, 202-208-1088
 Federal Housing Finance Board—David A. Lee, 202-408-2514
 Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Appraisal Subcommittee—Marc L. Weinberg, General Counsel, 202-872-7520
 Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service—Jame Lorber, 202-606-5444
 Federal Trade Commission—Elliot Davis, 202-326-2022

Holocaust Memorial Council and Museum—Jay Gaglione, 202-314-0336

International Trade Commission—Charles W. Sole, Jr., 202-205-2746

Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Margaret Mihori, 202-418-9800

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Jared Barlage, 202-416-8721

National Credit Union Administration—Michael J. McNeill, 703-518-6570

National Gallery of Art—Bill Roache, 202-842-6329

National Science Foundation—Mitch Crawford 703-306-1101

Nuclear Regulatory Commission—Ronald D. Thompson, 301-415-7305

Offices of Inspector General:
Agency for International Development—Wayne Watson, 202-712-1207 or 712-0010

Department of Housing and Urban Development—Stanley J. McLeod, 202-708-3444 ext. 156

Environmental Protection Agency—John C. Jones, 202-260-3137

Farm Credit Administration—Elizabeth Dean, 703-883-4036

Federal Communications Commission—Charles Willoughby, 202-418-0472

National Labor Relations Board—Emil George, 202-273-1960

National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Frank LaRocca, 202-358-2575

National Archives and Records Administration—James Springs, 301-713-7300, ext. 224 or Kat Grillo, 301-713-7300, ext. 221

Nuclear Regulatory Commission—David C. Lee, 301-415-5930

Securities and Exchange Commission—Walter Stachnik, Inspector General, 202-942-4461

Social Security Administration—John Byrnes, 410-966-9136

Office of Personnel Management—Kenneth McMahill, 202-606-2494

Railroad Retirement Board—Henry M. Valiulis, 312-751-4520

Small Business Administration—James Van Wert, 202-205-6610

Securities and Exchange Commission—Donald Sherman, 202-942-4000

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights—George Harbison, 202-376-8356

Woodrow Wilson Center—Ronnie Dempsey, 202-691-4216

Clarence C. Crawford,
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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220-0012.

Under Section 8 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), as amended by the Railroad Unemployment Improvement Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-647), the amount of each employer's contribution is determined by the RRB, primarily on the basis of RUIA benefit payments made to the employees of that employer. These experienced based contributions take into account the frequency, volume and duration of RUIA benefits, both unemployment and sickness, attributable to a railroad's employees. Each employer's contribution rate includes a component for administrative expenses and a component to cover costs shared by all employers. The regulations prescribing the manner and conditions for remitting the contributions and for adjusting overpayments or underpayments of contributions are contained in 20 CFR 345.

RRB Form DC-1, Employer's Quarterly Report of Contributions Under the Railroad Insurance Act, is utilized by the RRB for the reporting and remitting of quarterly contributions by railroad employers. One response is requested quarterly of each respondent.

Completion is mandatory. The RRB proposes minor non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form DC-1.

Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form No.(s)	Annual response	Time (min)	Burden (mrs)
DC-1	2,200	25	917

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald H. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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AIM Advisors, Inc., et al., Notice of Application

October 25, 1999.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 18(c) and 18(i) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 23(c)(3) of the Act for an exemption from rule 23c-3 under the Act, and pursuant to section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end management investment companies to issue multiple classes of shares, and impose asset-based distribution fees and early withdrawal charges.

APPLICANTS: AIM Advisors, Inc. ("Advisers"), GT Global Floating Rate Fund, Inc., d/b/a/ AIM Floating Rate Fund ("Fund"), and AIM Distributors, Inc. ("Distributor").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on August 19, 1999. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the