

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration****Notice of a Change in Status of an  
Extended Benefit (EB) Period for  
Alaska**

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Alaska.

**Summary**

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- February 21, 1999 Alaska triggered "on" EB. Alaska's 13-week insured unemployment rate rose above the 6.0 percent threshold necessary to be triggered "on" to EB for the week ending February 6, 1999.

**Information for Claimants**

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State beginning an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 12, 1999.

**Raymond Bramucci,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration****Notice of a Change in Status of an  
Extended Benefit (EB) Period for  
Puerto Rico**

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Puerto Rico.

**Summary**

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- January 30, 1999—Puerto Rico's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending January 9, 1999 fell below 6.0 percent and was less than 120 percent of the average for the corresponding period for the prior two years, causing Puerto Rico to trigger "off" EB effective January 30, 1999.

**Information for Claimants**

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State ending an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing a claim for EB of the forthcoming end of the EB period and its effect on the individual's rights to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the programs, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 12, 1999.

**Raymond Bramucci,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This

program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement, with change, of the "Veterans Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS)."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before June 21, 1999.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

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

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Current Population Survey (CPS) has been the principal source of the

official government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. Collection of labor force data through the CPS is necessary to meet requirements in Title 29, United States Code, Section 1 through 9. The Veterans Supplement meets the demands of Public Law 100-323, Section 9 (38 U.S.C. 2010A), as amended by Public Law 103-446, Section 701c, which mandates the Department of Labor to report on the labor force status of disabled veterans, Vietnam-theater veterans, and recently discharged veterans.

The Veterans Supplement provides information on the number and characteristics of disabled veterans, veterans who served in the Vietnam war theater, and recently separated veterans, including their employment status. The supplement provides data on veterans' participation in various employment training programs.

These data will be used by the Veterans Employment and Training Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine policies that better meet the needs of our Nation's veteran population.

## II. Current Actions

There are no substantial new actions in the September 1999 collection of the Veterans Supplement.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* September 1999 CPS Veterans Supplement.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0102.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Respondents:* 12,000.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Total Responses:* 12,000.

*Average Time Per Response:* 1 minute.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 200 hours.

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*Total Burden Cost (Capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of April 1999.

**W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,**

*Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

### Announcement of Headquarters Closing on April 23, 1999

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Office of Personnel Management's recently announced guidelines for minimizing traffic in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary NATO Summit to be held in Washington, D.C., on April 23-25, 1999, the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) office located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., will be closed on April 23, 1999. Documents that are due to be filed by April 23, 1999, with the Office of the Clerk or with the Office of the Administrative Law Judge will be accepted as timely if they are received or postmarked by April 26, 1999. Documents that are due to be filed with all other MSPB offices, including the Washington Regional Office, must be received or postmarked by April 23, 1999.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Shannon McCarthy or Matthew Shannon, Office of the Clerk of the Board, (202) 653-7200.

Dated: April 15, 1999.

**Robert E. Taylor,**

*Clerk of the Board.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on May 5-8, 1999, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64105).

### Wednesday, May 5, 1999

*1:00 P.M.-1:15 P.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman*

(Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*1:15 P.M.-1:45 P.M.: Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Application of Risk-Informed Methods to Inservice Inspection of Piping* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of EPRI and the NRC staff on the proposed application of risk-informed methods to inservice inspection of piping.

*1:45 P.M.-2:45 P.M.: Proposed Final Revision to 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes, Test and Experiments)* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff's proposed final revision to 10 CFR 50.59.

*3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.: Safety Evaluation for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) License Renewal Application* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and of the Calvert Cliffs licensee on the CCNPP license renewal application.

*4:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports, including a proposed report on the EPRI Proposed Application of Risk-Informed ISI of Piping, NRC Safety Research Program, proposed final revisions to 10 CFR 50.59, and Impact of high burnup or mixed oxide fuel on the revised source term.

### Thursday, May 6, 1999

*8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 A.M.-9:15 A.M.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI) 158, "Performance of Safety Related Power-Operated Valves Under Design Bases Conditions"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of GSI 158.

*9:15 A.M.-10:00 A.M.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issues (GSI) 165, "Spring-Actuated Safety Relief Valve Reliability"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of GSI 165.

*10:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.: Fire Protection Functional Inspection Program* (Open)—The Committee will