

be closed to the public. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) & (6)) and the corresponding provisions of the Legal Services Corporation's implementing regulation (45 CFR 1622.5(a) & (e)). A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session

1. Approval of agenda.

Closed Session

2. Conduct a performance appraisal of the President of the Corporation.
3. Conduct a performance appraisal of the Inspector General of the Corporation.

Open Session

4. Consider and act on other business.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel and Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 336-8810.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Jean Edwards at (202) 336-8811.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Forms 540, 540A, 541,

541A, 542, and 542A, Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest forms.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* NRC Forms 540, 540A: 3150-0164; NRC Forms 541, 541A: 3150-0166; NRC Forms 542, 542A: 3150-0165.

3. How often the collection is required: Forms are used by shippers whenever radioactive waste is shipped. Quarterly reporting or less frequent is made to NRC depending on specific license conditions.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* All NRC licensed low-level waste facilities. All generators, collectors, and processors of low-level waste intended for disposal at a low-level waste facility must complete the appropriate forms.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* NRC Form 540: 8,000; NRC Form 541: 8,000; NRC Form 542: 600.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* NRC Form 540: 9,380 hours (1.17 hours per response); NRC Form 541: 43,463 hours (5.43 hours per response); NRC Form 542: 260 hours (0.43 hours per response).

7. *Abstract:* NRC Forms 540, 541, and 542, together with their continuation pages, designated by the "A" suffix, provide a set of standardized forms to meet Department of Transportation (DOT), NRC, and State requirements. The forms were developed by NRC at the request of low-level waste industry groups. The forms provide uniformity and efficiency in the collection of information contained in manifests which are required to control transfers of low-level radioactive waste intended for disposal at a land disposal facility. NRC Form 540 contains information needed to satisfy DOT shipping paper requirements in 49 CFR part 172 and the waste tracking requirements of NRC in 10 CFR part 20. NRC Form 541 contains information needed by disposal site facilities to safely dispose of low-level waste and information to meet NRC and State requirements regulating these activities. NRC Form 542, completed by waste collectors or processors, contains information which facilitates tracking the identity of the waste generator. That tracking becomes more complicated when the waste forms, dimensions, or packagings are changed by the waste processor. Each container of waste shipped from a waste processor may contain waste from several different generators. The information provided on NRC Form 542 permits the States and Compacts to know the original generators of low-level waste, as authorized by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985, so they can ensure that

waste is disposed of in the appropriate Compact.

Submit, by February 9, 1998, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-89] and [Docket No. 50-163]

Notice of Application for Decommissioning Amendment General Atomics; Triga Mark I Research Reactor and Triga Mark F Research Reactor

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received an application from General Atomics dated April 18, 1997, for a license amendment approving the decommissioning plan for the TRIGA Mark I (Facility License No. R-38) and TRIGA Mark F (Facility License No. R-163) research reactors

located at General Atomics' site in San Diego, California.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, at 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Seymour H. Weiss,

Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on December 17, 1997, 9:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion open to the public:

(1) Request to Post a GS-12 District Manager Position for the Little Rock, Arkansas District Office

(2) Federal Ban on Smoking on Federal Property

(3) Proposed Flexitime/Variable Workweek Changes

(4) Strategic IRM Plan—1977-2002

(5) Regulations:

A. Part 209.12, Railroad Employers' Reports and Responsibilities

B. Part 295, Payments Pursuant to Court Decree or Court-Approved Property Settlement

(6) Year 2000 Issues

(7) Labor Member Truth in Budgeting Status Report

Portion closed to the public:

(A) SES Performance Appraisals for FY-1997—Memo from Chairman, PRB.

(B) SES Recertification for 1997.

The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-22925; File No. 912-10606]

Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund, et al.

December 4, 1997.

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

ACTION: Notice of application for an amended order under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") for exemptions from Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a) and 15(b) of the 1940 Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an amended order to permit shares of the Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund and the Dreyfus Life and Annuity Index Funds, Inc. (d/b/a Dreyfus Stock Index Fund) to be sold to and held by qualified pension and retirement plans outside the separate account context.

APPLICANTS: Dreyfus Variable Investment Fund ("DVIF"), Dreyfus Life and Annuity Index Fund, Inc. (d/b/a Dreyfus Stock Index Fund) ("DSIF") (together, the "Funds") and The Dreyfus Corporation ("Dreyfus").

FILING DATE: The application was filed on April 4, 1997, and amended and restated on October 10, 1997.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on this application by writing to the Secretary of the SEC and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, in person or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m., on December 29, 1997, and accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the interest, the reason for the request and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of the date of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Applicants, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zandra Y. Bailes, Senior Counsel, or Mark C. Amorosi, Branch Chief, Division of Investment Management, Office of Insurance Products, at (202) 942-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is a summary of the application. The

complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549 (tel. (202) 942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. DVIF is a Massachusetts business trust registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end diversified management investment company. It presently consists of eleven classes of stock and may in the future add one or more additional classes of stock.

2. DSIF is a Maryland corporation registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end non-diversified management investment company. DSIF is a single portfolio mutual fund that offers only one class of stock for investment.

3. Dreyfus, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, serves as the investment adviser for each Fund. Faye Sarofim & Co. is the subinvestment adviser for DVIF's Capital Appreciation Portfolio. Mellon Equity Associates is DSIF's index fund manager.

4. On December 23, 1987, an order was issued granting exemptive relief to permit shares of DVIF to be sold to and held by variable annuity and variable life insurance separate accounts of both affiliated and unaffiliated life insurance companies (Release No. IC-16188, File No. 812-6698) (the "DVIF Order"). Similarly, on August 23, 1989, an order was issued to DSIF granting identical exemptive relief (Release No. IC-17118, File No. 812-7253) (the "DESIF Order") (together, the DVIF Order and the DSIF Order, the "Original Orders").

5. The Original Orders allow DVIF and DSIF to offer their shares to insurance companies as the investment vehicle for their separate accounts supporting variable annuity contracts, schedule premium variable life insurance contracts and flexible premium variable life insurance contracts (collectively, "Variable Contracts"). Separate accounts owning shares of a Fund and their insurance company depositors are referred to herein as "Participating Separate Accounts" and "Participating Insurance Companies," respectively.

6. The Original orders do not expressly address the sale of shares of the Funds to qualified pension and retirement plans outside of the separate account context ("Qualified Plan"). Applicants propose that the Funds be permitted to offer and sell shares of the Funds to Qualified Plans.

Applicants' Legal Analysis

1. Applicants request that the Commission issue an amended order