Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–5428, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of November 2012.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX—17 TAA PETITIONS INSTITUTED BETWEEN 11/5/12 AND 11/9/12

TA–W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
82127	Esteves Group LLC (Company)	Randleman, NC	11/05/12	10/30/12
82128	Navistar Truck Group, SST Truck Company LLC (State/One-Stop).	Garland, TX	11/05/12	11/02/12
82129	Boise Inc. (Union)	St. Helens, OR	11/05/12	11/02/12
82130	Orion Bus (State/One-Stop)	Oriskany, NY	11/06/12	10/31/12
82131	Newell Operating Company dba Ashland Hardware (Company).	Lowell, IN	11/06/12	11/05/12
82132	Lattice Semiconductor Corporation, Sales, Corp. Marketing, Finance Dept. (Company).	Hillsboro, OR	11/06/12	11/02/12
82133	Hewlett-Packard Co. (State/One-Stop)	Vancouver, WA	11/07/12	11/06/12
82134	United Chemi-Con, Inc. (Company)	Lansing, NC	11/07/12	11/06/12
82135	THOCC@ New Britain General Campus (Company)	New Britain, CT	11/07/12	11/06/12
82136	Peabody Energy (Workers)	Vincennes, IN	11/07/12	11/06/12
82137	Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center (State/One-Stop)	Waterbury, CT	11/08/12	11/06/12
82138	Prudential Financial Services—Annuity Department (Workers).	Dresher, PA	11/09/12	11/07/12
82139	Avery Dennison (Company)	Lenoir, NC	11/09/12	11/08/12
82140	Comcast Cable (Workers)	Livermore, CA	11/09/12	10/01/12
82141	Kontron America (Workers)	Columbia, SC	11/09/12	11/08/12
82142	Axle Tech International (Union)	Oshkosh, WI	11/09/12	11/08/12
82143	Brake Parts, Inc. (Company)	Stanford, KY	11/09/12	11/08/12

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) intends to request approval of a revised information collection from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 and 3507). The MSPB Appeal Form (MSPB Form 185) has been revised. At this time, the MSPB is requesting public comments on the revised MSPB Form 185, which is available for review on the MSPB's Web site at *http://www.mspb.gov*.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20419. Because of possible mail delays, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by email to *mspb@mspb.gov* or by fax to 202–653–7130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact William D. Spencer, Clerk of the Board, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20419; telephone 202–653–7200; fax 202–653–7130; email to *mspb@mspb.gov*. Persons without internet access may request a paper copy of the MSPB Appeal Form from the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

Revised Appeal Form 185

The instructions at the beginning of the written appeal form have been streamlined and reorganized, with a focus on more clearly setting forth the Board's review authority; the option to file an appeal electronically; the time limits for filing an appeal; and where to file an appeal. In addition, the Privacy Act Statement and Public Reporting Burden notice have been moved to the end of the form.

Part 1—Appellant and Agency Information: This section remains largely unchanged, apart from the inclusion of some updated language (such as ''cell'' under telephone numbers in box 3). In box 11, ''Hearing,'' the sentence, ''If you choose to have a hearing, the administrative judge will notify you when and where it is to be held[,]'' has been eliminated, due to its potentially misleading character (the right to a hearing is conditional on a finding of jurisdiction). The appellant's certification that ''all of the statements made in this form and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate * * * '' has been moved from box 12, to its own section at the end of the form.

Part 2—Agency Personnel Action or Decision (non-retirement): The introductory language to this section has been altered, reflecting the following change in the overall organization of the form: whereas the current version solicits information about non-retirement actions in this part and then subsequently cites to affirmative defenses to such actions and particular classes of such actions (IRA, USERRA, and VEOA) in two separate sections, the revised form addresses all non-retirement actions and associated claims in Part 2. The present Part 4, which invites appellants to check boxes next to various affirmative defense claims, a frequent source of confusion, has been eliminated. Information regarding such claims, along with the descriptions of IRA, USERRA, and VEOA appeals, currently contained in Part 5, has been placed together in a new Appendix A and referenced at the beginning of this revised section, which provides as follows:

Complete this part if you are appealing a Federal agency personnel action or decision other than a decision addressing your retirement rights or benefits. Certain actions

that might not otherwise be appealable to the Board may be challenged as an individual right of action (IRA) appeal under the Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA) or as an appeal under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) or the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA). An explanation of these three types of appeals is provided in Appendix A.

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and in the new box 16, which provides as follows:

Explain briefly why you think the agency was wrong in taking this action. In challenging such an action, you may choose to allege that the agency engaged in harmful procedural error, committed a prohibited practice, or engaged in one of the other claims listed in Appendix A. Attach the agency's proposal letter, decision letter, and SF–50, if available. Attach additional sheets if necessary (bearing in mind that there will be later opportunities to supplement your filings).

As a result of this change, current boxes 13a, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 have been replaced with revised boxes 13, 14, 15, and 16. Current box 19, asking the appellant ''[w]hat action would you like the Board to take in this case [,]'' has been eliminated, as superfluous. Moreover, the language of current box 20 (revised box 17), has been changed to eliminate the request for information about the agency against which any negotiated grievance has been filed (as this agency will almost certainly be the same as the one having taken the personnel action itself). Finally, revised boxes 18 and 19, requesting information related to exhaustion of remedies in IRA and USERRA/VEOA appeals, respectively, replace current boxes 31, 32, and 33.

Part 3—OPM or Agency Retirement Decision: This section remains largely unchanged. Current boxes 26 and 27, requesting information regarding if and when a final retirement decision has been received, have been consolidated into revised box 24. Current box 29, asking the appellant ''[w]hat action would you like the Board to take in this case[,]'' has been eliminated, as superfluous.

Part 4—Designation of Representative: As previously noted, the current Part 4, soliciting information about affirmative defenses, has been eliminated. The revised Part 4 replaces the current Part 6, with some slight changes in language.

Part 5—Certification: As previously noted, the current Part 5, providing information about IRA, USERRA, and VEOA appeals, has been eliminated. The revised Part 5 contains the appellant certification, presently included in Part 1 of the form, along with the Privacy Act Statement and Public Reporting Burden.

Appendix A and B: As previously noted, Appendix A provides information regarding affirmative defenses and IRA, USERRA, and VEOA appeals, as well as the special time limits for filing such appeals, making this material available to those to whom it applies, while otherwise streamlining and simplifying the appeal form itself. Appendix B provides full contact information for each of the Board's regional offices, together with their corresponding geographic areas.

Estimated Reporting Burden

In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the MSPB is soliciting comments on the public reporting burden for this information collection. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to 4 hours, with an average of 60 minutes per response, including time for reviewing the form and instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data necessary, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Specifically, the MSPB invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR Parts	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201, 1208, and 1209	7,150	1	7,150	1.0	7,150

William D. Spencer,

Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (12–104)]

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Planetary Protection Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Planetary Protection Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other person's scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Local Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Room 7H45 and 9H40, respectively, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marian Norris, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–4452, fax (202) 358–4118, or *mnorris@nasa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The meeting will also be available telephonically and by WebEx. Any interested person may call the USA toll free conference call number 800–988–9533, pass code PPS, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is *https://nasa.webex.com/,* the meeting number on December 19 is 994 053 572, password PPS@Dec19; the meeting number on December 20 is 997 808 043,