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System of Records Notice
U.S. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

<i>Name</i>	RRB-29: Railroad Employees' Annual Gross Earnings Master File
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<i>Effective Date</i>	June 16, 2014
<i>System Location</i>	U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.
<i>Security Classification</i>	None.
<i>Categories of Individuals Covered by the System</i>	Railroad workers whose social security account number ends in ``30".
<i>Categories of Records in the System</i>	Gross earnings by individual by month, quarter or year.
<i>Authority for Maintenance of the System</i>	Section 7(c)(2) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231f(c)(2))
<i>Purpose(s)</i>	The purpose of this system is to maintain gross earnings reports for Financial Interchange sample employees for use in the calculation of payroll tax amounts used in the financial interchange determinations.
<i>Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and Purposes of Such Uses</i>	a. (New) Records may be released to the Internal Revenue Service for the sole purpose of computing the additional Medicare tax shortfall amount. Records released will include the Social Security Number (SSN), employer name, Employer Identification Number (EIN) and gross earnings for a 1-percent sample of active railroad employees in the reference year (per 20 C.F.R. § 209.13). Records provided shall not be used for IRS audits or any other unauthorized purposes.
<i>Disclosure to Consumer Reporting Agencies</i>	None.
<i>Policies and Practices for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining, and Disposing of Records in the System</i>	
<i>Storage</i>	Paper, Magnetic tape and Magnetic disk.
<i>Retrievability</i>	Social security account number.
<i>Safeguards</i>	Paper: Maintained in areas not accessible to the public in locking filing cabinets. Access is limited to authorized RRB employees. Offices are locked during non-business hours. Building has 24 hour on-site security officers, closed circuit television monitoring and intrusion detection systems. Magnetic tape and magnetic disk: Computer and computer storage rooms are restricted to authorized personnel; on-line query safeguards include a lock/unlock password system, a terminal oriented transaction matrix, role based access controls and audit trail. For computerized records



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<i>Retention and Disposal</i>	<p>Paper: Original reports are retained for 2½ years and work files are retained for three years. Financial interchange tabulations are retained indefinitely, and all other tabulations are retained for two years, After the appropriate retention periods, items are destroyed in accordance with NIST guidelines.</p> <p>Magnetic tape: Original reports on magnetic tape are retained for 2½ years and work files are retained for one year. The final summarized file is retained for two years. After the appropriate retention periods, original reports are returned to employers and all other magnetic tapes are written over following NIST guidelines.</p> <p>Magnetic disk and electronic media: Original reports are retained for 2½ years, and work files are retained for three years. The final summarized file is retained for five years. Financial interchange tabulations are retained indefinitely. When magnetic disk or other electronic media is no longer required or serviceable, it is sanitized in accordance with NIST guidelines.</p>
<i>System Manager(s) and Address</i>	Chief of Benefit and Employment Analysis, Bureau of the Actuary, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092
<i>Notification Procedure</i>	Requests for information regarding an individual's record should be in writing addressed to the System Manager identified above, including the full name and social security account number and claim number of the individual. Before information about any record will be released, the System Manager may require the individual to provide proof of identity or require the requester to furnish an authorization from the individual to permit release of information.
<i>Record Access Procedure</i>	See Notification section above.
<i>Contesting Record Procedure</i>	See Notification section above.
<i>Record Source Categories</i>	Railroad employers.
<i>Exemptions Claimed for the System</i>	None.