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General Comment

New proposed rule RIN 1210AB90 that would change how I get information about my retirement plan should be withdrawn as being inadequate for an older retiree population. The new rule appears to make it overly burdensome to find information that we are entitled to under the law. This has the potential to hurt millions of workers, retirees and spouses who should get important information about retirement plans as easily and readily as possible. Even people who know computers well should be able to count on getting their retirement information through the mail, if that provides them a better opportunity for careful review of documents. It is also unfair to force people to bear the extra costs of buying computers and printers to keep up with ever-changing new technology. And if people dont have ready access to a computer, they would have to go to libraries and other places to get what the law says they should be getting as a matter of course.

Under the current rules, retirement plan information is provided on paper by USPS mail unless an individual decides they want to receive it electronically instead. This works and is common sense.

The Department of Labor is supposed to be protecting the rights of workers and retirees. RIN 1210-AB90 should be withdrawn. Before you make any changes, you should talk to retirees and workers and ask us what we want and makes sense to us.