## Office of Personnel Management

Retirement and Insurance Service









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## **Benefits Administration Letter**

Number: 95-705 Date: April 20, 1995

## **SUBJECT** Benefits for Victims of the Oklahoma Bombing

The purpose of this letter is to give you a brief status report on the actions that OPM is taking to assist and expedite the receipt of benefits to Federal employees and their families that were affected by the bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City.

To assist us in getting information to the right people as quickly as possible, we would like you to notify us immediately if your agency had employees in the Oklahoma City Federal building who were killed, injured, or are missing. Please provide the names, telephone and fax numbers of your agency contacts in Washington and Oklahoma that we should coordinate with. Please fax the information to us at 202-606-1108. If the names of contacts are not yet available, notify us now if you have employees affected and provide the contact information later. For contacts in Oklahoma City, please provide name, telephone, and FAX numbers so that our representative can contact them.

The Office of Workers Compensation has sent a team to Oklahoma City to assist survivors in applying for FECA benefits. We assume most survivors would elect FECA benefits in lieu of any survivor annuity payable under CSRS or FERS. The Retirement and Insurance Service also is sending a representative to assist agencies in counseling employees and survivors. We will provide expedited processing for claims. We also have established a hotline in our Retirement Operations Center, Boyers, PA, to answer questions about filing for survivor and FEGLI benefits. The number is 412-794-2005.

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