

transfer agent examinations. Amendments to Form TA-1 are used by the OCC to schedule and plan examinations. The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains complete files on the registration data of all transfer agents registered pursuant to the Act. It utilizes the data to identify transfer agents and to facilitate development of rules and standards applicable to all registered transfer agents.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

*Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Total Annual Responses:* 50.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 25 hours.

*OCC Contact:* Jessie Gates or Camille Dixon, (202)874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander Hunt, (202)395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0124, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the burden of the information collection as it is proposed to be revised; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

**Mark J. Tenhundfeld,**

*Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the information collection entitled Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before November 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0088. Hand deliver comments to 1700 G Street, NW. from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on business days. Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-7755 or (202) 906-6956 (if the comment is over 25 pages). E-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov and include your name and telephone number. Interested persons may inspect comments at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on business days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry A. Clark, Compliance Policy, Office of Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-5628.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards (12 CFR 572).

*OMB Number:* 1550-0088.

*Form Number:* Not Applicable.

*Abstract:* Savings and Loan

Associations are required by statute and by 12 CFR Part 572 to file reports, make certain disclosures, and keep records regarding flood insurance. Borrowers use the information received from the associations to make valid purchase decisions. OTS uses the records to verify the associations' compliance.

*Current Actions:* OTS proposes to renew this information collection without revision.

*Type of Review:* Extension of an already approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or For Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,182.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 26.25 average hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 31,027.5 hours.

#### Request for Comments

The OTS will summarize comments submitted in response to this notice or will include these comments in its request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The OTS invites comment on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

**Catherine C. M. Teti,**

*Director, Records Management and Information Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 1, 1998.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Interested persons may obtain copies of the submission(s) by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Send comments regarding this information collection to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0004.

*Form Number:* OTS Form 248.

*Type of Review:* Extension of an already approved collection.

*Title:* Annual Survey of Deposits; Deposits by Office.

*Description:* This survey provides deposit data for each thrift office which is essential for OTS' analysis of market share of deposits required in evaluating the competitive impact of mergers, acquisitions, and branching

applications. This information is shared with the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Department of Justice.

*Respondents:* Savings and Loan Associations and Savings Banks.

*Estimated Number of Reporters:* 1,182.

*Estimated Burden Hours per Reporter:* 1 hour average.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 1,182 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Colleen M. Devine, (202) 906-6025, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Catherine C. M. Teti,**

*Director, Records Management and Information Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463

(Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, that a meeting of the Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Marriott Residence Inn, 500 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, October 14-15, 1998. The session on October 14 is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. and on October 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing the following four new proposals: Cost effectiveness of alternative management strategies in patients with dyspepsia, Vitamins to lower homocysteinemia in kidney and end stage renal disease, Multi-model therapy in Veterans with Gulf War illnesses and Antibiotic treatment of Gulf War Syndrome. The Committee will also review the progress of one ongoing study on cost and outcome of telephone care.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Chief of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on both days to discuss the general status of the program. Those who plan to

attend should contact Dr. Ping Huang, Coordinator, Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202.273.8295), prior to October 9, 1998.

The meeting will be closed from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on October 14, 1998 and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on October 15, 1998. These portions of the meeting involve consideration of specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by sections 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During the closed sessions of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosures of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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