

other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8288-B, Application for Withholding Certificate for Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 25, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Dawn Bidne at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3933, or through the Internet at [Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov](mailto:Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Withholding Certificate for Dispositions for Foreign Persons of U.S. Property Interests.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1060.

*Form Number:* 8288-B.

*Abstract:* Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code requires transferees to withhold tax on the amount realized from sales or other dispositions by foreign persons of U.S. real property interests. Code sections 1445(b) and (c) allow the withholding to be reduced or eliminated under certain circumstances. Form 8288-B is used to apply for a withholding certificate from IRS to reduce or eliminate the withholding required by Code section 1445.

*Current Actions:* The form was updated to include two new line items, three new code references, and almost seven hundred new words. Due to these increases, the number of burden hours requested has increased from 28,798 to 31,135 hours.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,079.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 6 hours, 8 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 31,135.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited 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, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: June 11, 2009.

**R. Joseph Durbala,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8844

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8844, Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 25, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Dawn Bidne at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3933, or through the Internet at [Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov](mailto:Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Empowerment Zone Employment Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1444.

*Form Number:* Form 8844.

*Abstract:* Employers who hire employees who live and work in one of the eleven designated empowerment zones can receive a tax credit for the first \$15,000 of wages paid to each employee. The credit is applicable from the date of designation through the year 2004.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, farms and non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 8 hours, 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 237,600.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited 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, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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**R. Joseph Durbala,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6781

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6781, Gains and Losses From Section 1256 Contracts and Straddles.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 25, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Dawn Bidne at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3933, or through the Internet at [Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov](mailto:Dawn.E.Bidne@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Gains and Losses From Section 1256 Contracts and Straddles.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0644.

*Form Number:* Form 6781.

**Abstract:** Form 6781 is used by taxpayers in computing their gains and losses on Internal Revenue Code section 1256 contracts under the marked-to-market rules and gains and losses under Code section 1092 from straddle positions. The data is used to verify that the tax reported accurately reflects any such gains and losses.

**Current Actions:** There has been a change in responses due to a change in methodology that allows for 43,157 fewer responses. However, the burden hours that were previously approved will not change.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 100,000.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 9 hours, 2 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 903,237.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited 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, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 to consider various matters.

The RRSC was established to advise TVA on its natural resource stewardship activities. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The management of the Tennessee Valley reservoirs and the lands adjacent to them has long been integral components of TVA's mission. As part of implementing the TVA Environmental Policy, TVA is conducting an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) under the process established by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will help prioritize techniques for the management of TVA's sustainable land use activities, natural resource management activities, and water resource protection and improvement activities. TVA would like to utilize the RRSC as a key stakeholder group throughout the EIS period to advise TVA on the issues, tradeoffs, and focus of environmental stewardship activities. At the July meeting, TVA will be seeking advice from the Council on issues regarding the scope and direction of the study.

TVA will also be seeking recommendations and advice on its campground and marina operations. Specifically, TVA will be seeking advice on the appropriate methodology or approach to establishing a value to charge campground and marina operators for use of the public lands.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Introductions.
2. Informational Items and Project Updates (Kingston Fly Ash Recovery Efforts, Bear Creek Dam Project, Blue Ridge Dam Project, Reservoir Systems Operations, Integrated Resource Plan).
3. RRSC Discussion Topic: Environmental Impact Study on TVA's Stewardship Management (e.g. Study of Natural Resource Management,