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**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0242.

*Title and Form Number:* Water-Plumbing Systems Inspection Report (Manufactured Home), VA Form 26-8731a.

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

*Need and Uses:* Inspections are ordered by lending institutions and performed by experienced plumbers or manufactured home service personnel. VA Form 26-8731a will be completed by the inspector after the tests described on the form have been made. The lender submits the report form to the applicable VA regional office then issues a certificate of guaranty covering the loan. Without proof of satisfactory water and plumbing systems, VA would be guaranteeing loans on used manufactured homes which could be unsafe and which would not be acceptable security on which to base an increase in the government's contingent liability.

*Current Actions:* VA Form 26-8731a is required in conjunction with the approval of loans guaranteed for the purchase of used manufactured homes. Section 3712(h)(1) of title 38 U.S.C., prohibits the guaranty of any loan for the purchase of a manufactured unit which does not meet standards prescribed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Section 3710(b)(4) further deals with permanently affixed manufactured homes that are taxed as real estate and requires that the nature and condition of the property be suitable for dwelling purposes. This form serves as an inspection report on the water and

plumbing systems of a used unit, whether it is permanently affixed or not.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 800 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

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*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0243.

*Title and Form Number:* Fuel and Heating Systems Inspection Report (Manufactured Home), VA Form 26-8731c.

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

*Need and Uses:* Inspections are ordered by lending institutions and performed by experienced heating company personnel, or manufactured home service personnel. VA Form 26-8731c is completed by the inspector after the tests described on the form have been made. The lender submits the report form to the applicable VA regional office with its report of loan closing. If the report is satisfactory, and the loan is otherwise proper, the regional office then issues a certificate of guaranty covering the loan. Without proof of satisfactory fuel and heating systems, VA would be guaranteeing loans on used manufactured homes which could be unsafe and which would not be acceptable security on which to base an increase in the government's contingent liability.

*Current Actions:* VA Form 26-8731c is required in conjunction with the approval of loans guaranteed for the purchase of used manufactured homes. Section 3712(h)(1) of title 38 U.S.C., prohibits the guaranty of any loan for the purchase of a manufactured unit which does not meet standards prescribed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Section 3710(b)(4) further deals with permanently affixed manufactured homes that are taxed as real estate and requires that the nature and condition of the property be suitable for dwelling purposes. This form serves as an inspection report on the fuel and heating systems of a used unit, whether it is permanently affixed or not.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 800 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-4412 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

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