

the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 26, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston** (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Cambridge Financial Group, Inc.*, Cambridge, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Cambridge Savings Bank, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2. *Plymouth Bancorp, Inc.*, Wareham, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Plymouth Savings Bank, Wareham, Massachusetts.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *BankFirst Corporation*, Knoxville, Tennessee (formerly Smoky Mountain Bancorp, Inc.); to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First Franklin Bancshares, Inc., Athens, Tennessee, and thereby indirectly acquire The First National Bank and Trust Company, Athens, Tennessee.

2. *CNB Holdings, Inc.*, Alpharetta, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Chattahoochee National Bank, Alpharetta, Georgia (in organization).

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *NW Bancorp, Inc.*, Prospect Heights, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Village Bank & Trust, North Barrington, Illinois.

**D. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *Mercantile Bancorporation Inc.*, and its wholly owned subsidiary, *Ameribanc, Inc.*, both of St. Louis, Missouri; to acquire Firstbank of Illinois Co., Springfield, Illinois, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank Central, Inc., Springfield, Illinois; Central National

Bank of Mattoon, Mattoon, Illinois; Central Bank System, Inc., Fairview Heights, Illinois; Central Bank, Fairview Heights, Illinois; Farmers and Merchants Bank of Carlinville, Carlinville, Illinois; Colonial Bancshares, Inc., Des Peres, Missouri; The Colonial Bank, Des Peres, Missouri; Duchesne Bank, St. Peters, Missouri; Elliott State Bank, Jacksonville, Illinois; First National Bank of Central Illinois, Springfield, Illinois; and First Trust and Savings Bank, Taylorville, Illinois.

In connection with this application, Applicants have also applied to acquire Zemenick & Walker, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and thereby engage in the business of providing investment advisory services, including offering non-discretionary investment advice, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(6) of the Board's Regulation Y; Mid-Country Financial, Inc., Springfield, Illinois, and thereby engage in making indirect consumer automobile loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y; FFG Trust, Inc., Springfield, Illinois, and thereby engage in providing corporate trust and investment management services, pursuant to §§ 225.28(b)(5) and (6) of the Board's Regulation Y; and GCT Realty, Fairview Heights, Illinois, and thereby engage in community development activities, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(12) of the Board's Regulation Y.

**E. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis** (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis, Minnesota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of MidAmerica Bancshares, Inc., Newport, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire MidAmerica Bank, Newport, Minnesota; Minnesota Bancshares, Inc., Newport, Minnesota; MidAmerica Bank South, Mankato, Minnesota; Wisconsin Bancshares, Inc., Newport, Minnesota; MidAmerica Bank Hudson, Hudson, Wisconsin; MidAmerica Bank North, Phillips, Wisconsin; MidAmerica Bank; Dodgeville, Wisconsin; Charter Bancorporation, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona; Bank of Arizona, Scottsdale, Arizona; The Bank of New Mexico Holding Company, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and The Bank of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire MidAmerica Financial Corporation, Newport, Minnesota, and thereby engage in making, acquiring and servicing loans and other extensions of credit, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y; and in leasing

personal and real property, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(3) of the Board's Regulation Y.

**F. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Maria Villanueva, Manager of Analytical Support, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *San Juan Bank Holding Company* Friday Harbor, Washington; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Islanders Bank, Friday Harbor, Washington.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 24, 1998.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 14, 1998.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Lois Berthaume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *Republic Bancshares, Inc.*, St. Petersburg, Florida; to acquire Bankers Savings Bank, FSB, Coral Gables, Florida, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to §

225.28(b)(4)(ii) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 24, 1998.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written

comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Projects

1. Long-Term Health Effects of Methyl Parathion in Children—A Follow-Up Study—New—The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is mandated pursuant to the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), and its 1986 Amendments, The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from the exposure to hazardous substances into the environment. Children were exposed to Methyl Parathion (MP) via illegal indoor residential spraying of MP for pest control in nine states. All of these sprayed areas have been designated as CERCLA sites and placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) for conducting remedial actions. The MP sites consist of contaminated residences and businesses spread over several counties and states, intermingled with other building structures that were never sprayed with MP, making targeted remedial actions more challenging.

This study of children exposed to MP and children not exposed, but matched

on age, sex, and race will provide critical public health information for the gap in data regarding the effects of lower dose, sub-acute exposure on neurobehavioral and respiratory development. The study population will consist of children under 6 years of age at the time of exposure (exposed group), whose residences in Ohio and Mississippi were illegally sprayed with MP since 1994, and matched with unexposed children (unexposed group). No data exist regarding low dose, sub-acute exposure to MP in children. The goal of this study is to examine the association between lower dose, sub-acute MP exposure in children, specifically from indoor spraying, and the risk of adversely affecting normal neurobehavioral and respiratory development.

The questionnaire will be administered in person by trained interviewers to the mothers (fathers or other guardians, if the mother is not available) of the exposed and unexposed children. The Pediatric Environmental Neurobehavioral Test Battery (PENTB) will be administered by personnel trained in the neurobehavioral assessment of children at annual intervals for the three study years. The total annual burden hours are 1,208.

Respondent questionnaire	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total annual burden (in hours)
Parent/Child (general) .....	537	1	1	537
(PENTB) Test Battery Questionnaires .....	537	1	1.25	671

2. Survey of Assisted Reproductive Technology Embryo Laboratory Procedures and Practices—New—Public Health Practice Program Office—In October 1992, Congress passed the Fertility Clinic Success Rate and Certification Act of 1992 (FCSRCA). In accordance with this statute, the CDC has been tasked with developing a model certification program for assisted reproductive technologies (ART) embryo laboratories that are providing services to human fertility specialists in the U.S. This model certification program is to be voluntarily implemented by States or by independent certifying agencies such as

the College of American Pathologists (CAP), which are approved by the State. The model certification program is to include a set of quality standards for the performance of laboratory procedures, maintenance of records, qualifications of laboratory personnel, and criteria for the inspection and certification of embryo laboratories. Other than a General Accounting Office Survey conducted in 1988, no current survey of ART laboratory procedures and practices is available. The proposed information collection will use a paper survey to provide an enumeration of these ART laboratory procedures, equipment maintenance practices, and

personnel qualifications. This information is required to finalize the development of the model certification program and also provide a baseline study for evaluating its impact and effectiveness.

The intended population is ART laboratory directors at all facilities with human embryo laboratories in the U.S. The estimated time for completion of this survey is expected to be approximately one hour per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, gather the relevant information, complete the form, and review the collected data. The total annual burden hours are 488.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (hours)
ART Laboratory Directors .....	325	1	1.5	488