

we agree with Nissan that it is highly unlikely that a driver would actually leave the ignition in this position.

The only situations in which the noncompliance would affect the vehicle operator would be if the operator turns the ignition switch to the "OFF" or "ACCESSORY" position without the transmission being placed in the "PARK" position. In this situation, the operator would not be able to remove the key from the ignition due to the transmission shift interlock. We agree with Nissan that, if this situation occurs, only two scenarios are possible. The operator will exit the vehicle without the key or the operator will remain in the vehicle.

In the first situation, if the operator attempts to exit the vehicle without the key, an audible warning, as required in FMVSS No. 114, will sound, alerting the operator that the key is in the ignition. We believe that the audible warning signal requirement of FMVSS No. 114 should reduce the possibility of the operator leaving the vehicle without the key.

In the second situation, if the driver remains in the vehicle, he or she will attempt to restart the vehicle. However, the engine cannot be started if the vehicle's transmission is not in the "PARK" position. But, since turning the ignition forward to the "ON" position will activate the PRNDL display, the operator will be alerted that the transmission is not in the "PARK" position.

Further, as Nissan points out, we granted a similar application from General Motors Corporation (GM) in 1993 (58 FR 33296). In this case, certain GM vehicles were found to be out of compliance with the display requirements of FMVSS No. 102, namely, the PRNDL displays on the subject GM vehicles would not be illuminated if the transmission was left in a position other than "PARK" when the ignition was in the "OFF" position. We did conclude that, because the noncompliance did not occur during times of operation, "the noncompliance presents no discernible threat to safety."

In view of the arguments offered by Nissan, we do not deem this noncompliance to be a serious safety problem warranting notification and remedy. Accordingly, we have decided that the applicant has met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance it described above is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Therefore, its application is granted and the applicant is exempted from providing the notification of the noncompliance that is required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and from

remediating the noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120.

(49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Proposed Collection; 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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub.L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund) within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning its streamlining surveys of prior CDFI Fund applicants and awardees.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 17, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments, in writing, to the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, Facsimile (202) 622-7754.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed, in writing, to the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or by calling (202) 622-8662.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Streamlining Surveys.

*OMB Number:* 1505-0171.

*Abstract:* The Fund continually seeks to improve its processes and procedures so that it may better meet the needs of CDFI Fund applicants while minimizing the burden on applicants and Fund staff. To assist in this effort, each year the Fund will send out one or more brief

surveys to a sample of applicants and/or awardees to get their feedback on particular Fund programs.

*Current Actions:* The Fund is in the process of improving the application process to the Core and Intermediary Components of the CDFI Program. The Fund is sending surveys to past applicants and awardees for comments regarding the process.

*Type of review:* Extension with change.

*Affected Public:* Community development financial institutions, insured depository institutions, microenterprise organizations and organizations that provide support to microenterprise organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Estimated Annual Time Per Respondent:* 0.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30 hours.

**REQUESTS 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 technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 4703, 4718; chapter X, Pub.L. 104-19, 109 Stat. 237 (12 U.S.C. 4703 note).

Dated: July 13, 1999.

**Maurice A. Jones,**

*Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463

(Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Pub. L. 94-409 that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC on July 28 through July 29, 1999.

The session on July 28th and July 29th, are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meeting will be open to the public for the July 28th session from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program, and the

administrative details of the review process. On July 28th, from 9 a.m. through July 29th, the meeting is closed during which the Board will be reviewing research and development applications.

This review involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance and competence of individual research investigators. Disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which would lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts.

Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under sections 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463 as amended by section 5(c) of Pub. L. 94-409.

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact Ms. Victoria Mongiardo, Program Analyst, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, phone (202) 275-0023.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Acting, Committee Management Officer.*

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