

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-23721]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

February 26, 1999.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of February, 1999. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW, Washington, DC 20549 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on March 23, 1999, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. For Further Information Contact: Diane L. Titus, at (202) 942-0564, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, Mail Stop 5-6, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

#### **Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Intermediate Term U.S. Treasury Trust [File No. 811-7249]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On October 26, 1998, applicant made a final liquidating distribution to its securityholders at net asset value per share. Expenses of approximately \$16,000 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Advisors Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on January 27, 1999.

*Applicant's Address:* Two World Trade Center, New York, New York 10048.

#### **Concord Fund, Inc. [File No. 811-566]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. As of January 29, 1999, applicant made a liquidating distribution to 104 shareholders. On that same date applicant had 272 registered shareholder accounts that had not surrendered their shares. ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., applicant's disbursing agent, is holding funds representing the aggregate liquidation value of applicant's remaining shares. Expenses of approximately \$67,151 incurred in connection with the liquidation were paid by applicant.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on January 20, 1999 and amended on February 5, 1999.

*Applicant's Address:* c/o Shapiro, Weiss & Company, 60 State Street, 38th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

#### **Russia and Eastern Europe Portfolio [File No. 811-8491]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities, nor does it propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on January 28, 1999.

*Applicant's Address:* c/o Boston Management and Research, 24 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

#### **Taurus MuniNew York Holdings, Inc. [File No. 811-5884]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 9, 1998, applicant transferred all its assets and liabilities to MuniYield New York Insured Fund II, Inc. ("MuniYield Insured II") in exchange for shares of common stock and shares of auction market preferred stock ("AMPS") of MuniYield Insured II. Each holder of applicant's common stock received the number of shares of MuniYield Insured II common stock with a net asset value ("NAV") equal to the NAV of applicant's common stock held by such shareholder, and each holder of applicant's AMPS received the number of shares of MuniYield Insured II AMPS with an aggregate liquidation preference equal to the aggregate liquidation preference of applicant's AMPS owned by such shareholder. MuniYield Insured

II paid approximately \$281,000 in expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization. In addition, applicant incurred approximately \$4,000 in liquidation expenses.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on September 14, 1998 and amended on January 12, 1999 and February 17, 1999.

*Applicant's Address:* 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536.

#### **Taurus MuniCalifornia Holdings, Inc. [File No. 811-5882]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On February 9, 1998, applicant transferred all of its assets and liabilities to MuniYield California Fund, Inc. ("MuniYield California") in exchange for shares of common stock and shares of auction market preferred stock ("AMPS") of MuniYield California. Each holder of applicant's common stock received the number of shares of MuniYield California common stock with a net asset value ("NAV") equal to the NAV of applicant's common stock held by such shareholder, and each holder of applicant's AMPS received the number of shares of MuniYield California AMPS with an aggregate liquidation preference equal to the aggregate liquidation preference of applicant's AMPS owned by such shareholder. MuniYield California paid approximately \$270,000 in expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization. In addition, applicant incurred approximately \$4,000 in liquidation expenses.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on October 14, 1998 and amended on January 12, 1999 and February 17, 1999.

*Applicant's Address:* 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536.

#### **SCM Portfolio Fund [File No. 811-5630]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. By November 30, 1998, applicant had distributed substantially all of its assets to its securityholders at the net asset value per share. Expenses incurred in connection with the liquidation totaled \$5,258, of which the board of directors paid approximately \$4,844 and non-board securityholders paid approximately \$414.

*Filing Dates:* The application was filed on December 24, 1998. Applicant has agreed to file an amendment during the notice period.

*Applicant's Address:* 119 Maple Street, P.O. Box 947, Carrollton, Georgia 30117.

#### **Emerald Funds [File No. 811-5515]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. By May 22, 1998, each of applicant's 14 series had transferred all of their assets and liabilities to a corresponding series of either Nations Fund Trust, Nations Fund, Inc., or Nations Institutional Reserves (collectively, the "Nations Funds Family") in exchange for shares of the corresponding Nations Fund Family series based on net asset value. NationsBanc Advisors, Inc., investment adviser to the Nations Funds Family, paid approximately \$4.2 million in expenses associated with the reorganization.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on January 29, 1999. Applicant has agreed to file an amendment during the notice period.

*Applicant's Address:* 3435 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219-3035.

#### **Evergreen Balanced Fund (formerly Keystone Balance Fund (K-1)) [File No. 811-96]**

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On January 24, 1998, applicant transferred its assets and liabilities to Evergreen Balanced Fund, a series of Evergreen Equity Trust, in exchange for shares of the acquiring fund based on the relative net asset values. First Union National Bank, the parent of applicant's investment adviser, paid all the expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on January 12, 1999.

*Applicant's Address:* 200 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice #2989]

### **Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy; Notice of Establishment**

The Department of State is establishing the Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy to serve the Secretary of State in an advisory capacity with respect to the U.S. Government's labor

diplomacy programs administered by the Department of State. The Committee will advise on the resources and policies needed to implement labor diplomacy programs efficiently, effectively, and in a manner that ensures U.S. leadership before the international community in promoting the objectives and ideals of U.S. labor policies now and in the 21st century. The Advisory Committee will also provide advice on policies and programs to strengthen the Department's ability to respond to the many challenges facing the United States and the federal government in international labor matters. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Members of the Committee will be appointed by the Secretary of State. The Committee will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made with accordance with Section 10 of the FACA that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public.

Notice of each Committee meeting will be provided in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting date. For further information, contact Al Perez, Executive Secretary of the Committee at (202) 647-4327.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

**Leslie Gerson,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor U.S. Department of State.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces that the information collection request described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The Department is requesting an emergency clearance by March 8, 1999, in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13. The following information describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vanester M. Williams, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-1771.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Office of the Secretary**

*Title:* Customer Survey—Program Evaluation of FAA Airman Certification and/or Rating Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-NEW.

*Type of Request:* Emergency request for a one-time collection of information.

*Affected Entities:* A percentage of persons from the following groups: FAA personnel, airmen, academics and industry.

*Abstract:* The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently reengineered the Airmen Certification and/or Rating Application (ACRA) process. This effort was undertaken as a means of streamlining the time and effort involved for people. In the Department's continuing endeavors to improve the way we do business and to provide more efficient and cost effective services to our constituents, we will conduct a process program evaluation to determine the extent to which the FAA Airmen Certification and/or ACRA system has reduced paperwork burden, enhanced customer satisfaction, and/or improved productivity/efficiency. Hopefully, this survey will allow us to determine if the findings could have applicability to other departmental information collections. This program evaluation was mentioned in both the Department's Fiscal Year 1999 Performance Plan and its Paperwork Reduction Strategic Plan submitted to the Office of Management and Budget in December, 98.

*Average Annual Burden per Respondents:* 10-15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 15 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 1, 1999.

**Vanester M. Williams,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Coast Guard**

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#### **Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.