

so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice.

## II. Background

FIFRA section 28(d) charges EPA with identifying "pests of significant public health importance." This process is aided considerably by FIFRA definitions of two key terms. First, FIFRA section 2 expressly defines the term "pest" as meaning:

(1) any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or (2) any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria, or other micro-organism (except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organism on or in living man or other living animals) which the Administrator declares to be a pest under section 25(c)(1).

EPA in its regulations in 40 CFR 152.5 has broadly defined the term pest to cover each of the organisms mentioned except with respect to the organisms specifically excluded by the definition.

Second, although FIFRA does not define a "public health pest," it does define a "public health pesticide" and this definition supplies important information for interpreting the term "public health pest." Among other things, a "public health pesticide" must be used for "vector control or for other recognized health protection uses, including the mitigation of viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms (other than viruses, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in living man or other living animal) that pose a threat to public health." FIFRA section 2(o) defines the term "vector" used in the above definition as "any organism capable of transmitting the causative agent of human disease or capable of producing human discomfort or injury, including mosquitoes, flies, fleas, cockroaches, or other insects and ticks, mites, or rats."

Moreover EPA's task of identifying pests of "significant" public health importance requires EPA to identify those FIFRA pests that are significant vectors or other significant pests affecting public health. The statute does not define what aspects of a vector render it of significant public health importance. Nonetheless, the definition of a "public health pesticide" identifies an important criterion for establishing the significance of a vector. Not only must a public health pesticide be a pesticide used for vector control, it must

be a pesticide "used predominantly in public health programs." EPA believes that significant vectors can be identified by determining which vectors have been deemed sufficiently important that federal, state, or local public entities have devoted substantial resources to their eradication. Using this criterion, EPA has identified the pests in Appendix A of the draft PR Notice.

## III. Use of the List of Pests of Significant Public Health Importance by the Agency

The Agency will use the list of pests of significant public health importance to:

1. Identify pesticide products with public health uses that are used predominantly in recognized public health programs. These may include pesticides to control, attract or repel these pests.
2. Identify critical public health minor uses.
3. Together with the Public Health Service, develop and implement programs to improve and facilitate the safe and necessary use of chemical, biological and other methods to control pests of significant public health importance.

## IV. Specific Topics for Comment

Please comment on all aspects of the draft PR Notice. The Agency is particularly looking for comments to the following questions:

1. Should EPA also publish a list of public health pests which may become significant? This would be equivalent to identifying the universe of public health pests.
2. Is cockroach control in publicly funded housing a public health program *per se*, or is it merely a component of a building maintenance program?
3. Should the use of public funds for the purpose of controlling public health pests by pesticide application be the criterion for identifying a public health program?
4. For a pesticide product to qualify as predominantly used in a public health program, should more than half of the use of the pesticide product, taking into account all registered uses for the pesticide product, be used in a public health program?

## V. Contents of Docket

The document referenced in this notice will be placed in the public docket under the docket control number "OPP-00648."

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Public health pests, Public health pesticides.

Dated: March 22, 2000.

**Marcia E. Mulkey,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

March 20, 2000.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before April 28, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* Auditor's Annual Independence and Objectivity Certification.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 7 respondents; 14 responses.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 hours per response; filed twice annually.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement and annual reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 70 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

*Needs and Uses:* In the Responsible Accounting Officer (RAO) letter, the Accounting Safeguards Division (ASD), Common Carrier Bureau, is simply making a current GAAS (generally accepted auditing standards) requirement for financial statement audits explicitly applicable to the Section 64.904 audit, *i.e.*, applying the section 64.904 requirement that the audits be performed in accordance with GAAS. Specifically, the RAO requires that carriers' independent auditors: (a) disclose to the ASD, in writing, all relationships between the auditor and its related entities and the carrier and its related entities that in the auditor's professional judgement may reasonably be thought to bear on independence; (b) confirm in writing to ASD that in its professional judgement, it is independent of the carrier, and (c) discuss the auditor's independence with ASD.

The above requirements will be used by ASD to determine whether the independent auditors are performing their audits independently and unbiased of the carrier they audit.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### SUMMARY:

#### Background

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork

Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposals

The following information collections, which are being handled under this delegated authority, have received initial Board approval and are hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collections, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;

b. The accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number or agency form number, should be addressed to Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of

those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, NW. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except as provided in section 261.14 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.14(a).

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Alexander T. Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Mary M. West, Chief, Financial Reports Section (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Diane Jenkins (202-452-3544), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

#### Proposal To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority the Extension for Three Years, Without Revision, of the Following Reports

1. *Report title:* Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices.

*Agency form numbers:* FR 2018.

*OMB control number:* 7100-0058.

*Frequency:* Up to six times per year.

*Reporters:* Large U.S. commercial banks and large U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

*Annual reporting hours:* 1,008.

*Estimated average hours per response:* 2.0.

*Number of respondents:* 84.

Small businesses are not affected.

*General description of report:* This information collection is voluntary (12 U.S.C. 248(a), 324, 335, 3101, 3102, and 3105) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

*Abstract:* The FR 2018 is conducted with a senior loan officer at each respondent bank, generally by means of a telephone interview, up to six times a year. The interview is administered by a Reserve Bank officer having in-depth knowledge of bank lending practices. The reporting panel consists of sixty large domestically chartered commercial