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Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA, will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are available on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: July 26, 2004.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 26, 2004.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 2, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-0070.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 2350.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Extension of Time to File U.S. Income Tax Return.

*Description:* Form 2350 is used to request an extension of time to file in order to meet the bona fide residence or physical presence tests required to gain the benefits permitted under section 911. The information furnished is used to determine if the extension should be granted.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 22,594.

*Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—13 min.

Learning about the law or the form—12 min.

Preparing the form—18 min.

Sending the form to the IRS 13—min.

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 21,465 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0188.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 4868.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

*Description:* Form 4868 is used by taxpayers to apply for an automatic 4-month extension of time to file Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ. This form contains data used by the Service to determine if a taxpayer qualifies for the extension.

*Respondents:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 5,572,999.

*Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—26 min.

Learning about the law or the form—13 min.

Preparing the form—11 min.

Copying, assembling and sending the form to the IRS—10 min.

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 5,740,189 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0985.

*Regulation Project Numbers:* PS-128-86, PS-127-86, and PS-73-88 Final (TD 8644).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Generation Skipping Transfer Tax.

*Description:* This regulation provides rules relating to the effective date,

return requirements, definitions, and certain special rules covering the generation-skipping transfer tax. The information required by the regulation will require individuals and/or fiduciaries to report information on Forms 706NA, 706, 706GS(D), 706GS(D-1), 706GS(T), 709 and 843 in connection with the generation skipping transfer tax. The information will facilitate the assessment of the tax and taxpayer examinations.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business of other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 7,500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion, Other (Form 706 is filed within 9 months after taxpayer dies).

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,750 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1051.

*Regulation Project Number:* INTL-29-91 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Computation and Characterization of Income and Earnings and Profits under the Dollar Approximate Separate Transactions Method of Accounting (DASTM).

*Description:* For taxable years after the final regulations are effective, taxpayers operating in hyperinflationary currencies must use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency and compute income using the dollar approximate separate transactions method (DASTM). Small taxpayers may elect an alternate method by which to compute income or loss. For prior years in which income was computed using the profit and loss method, taxpayers may elect to recompute their income using DASTM.

*Respondents:* Business of other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 700.

*Estimated Burden Hours Respondent:* 1 hour, 26 minutes.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion, Other (one-time election).

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 1,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1173.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8815.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Exclusion of Interest From Series EE and I U.S. Savings Bonds Issued After 1989.

*Description:* If any individual redeems series I or series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 and pays qualified higher education expenses during the year, the interest on the bonds may be excludable from income. Form 8815 is used by the individual to figure the amount of savings that is excludable.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 25,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—51 min.

Learning about the law or the form—10 min.

Preparing the form—37 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—32 min.

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 51,110 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

*OMB Reviewer:* Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0227]

### Agency Information Collection: Emergency Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following emergency proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)). An emergency clearance is being requested in response to the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) to adopt the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) as a national standard survey for inpatients.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 2004.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans

Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0227." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316 or FAX (202) 395-6974. Please refer to "2900-0227."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Nation-wide Customer Satisfaction Survey, VA Forms 10-21075a through c (NR), 10-1465-1, 10-1465-3, 10-0142B, and 10-5387.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0227.

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

*Abstract:* Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) to adopt the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) as a national standard survey for inpatients. VA proposes a three-part piloting of the HCAHPS survey instrument to better understand how this questionnaire (either alone or combined with all or part of VHA's current inpatient questionnaire) and the HCAHPS sampling methods work in the population of veteran inpatients. The purpose of these patient satisfaction surveys is to determine how to improve services, customer satisfaction with existing services and how or if customer satisfaction has changed in response to reengineering efforts. The survey results will be used as a tool for assessing and improving the quality of services being provided to patients.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 213,137 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 23 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 557,040.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0317]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 2, 2004.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Request for Identifying Information Re: Veteran's Loan Records, VA Form Letter 26-626.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0317.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 26-626 is used to notify a correspondent that additional information is needed to determine if a veteran's loan guaranty benefits are involved, and if so, to obtain the necessary information to identify and associate the correspondence with the correct veteran's loan application or record. If such information is not received within one year from the date of such notification, no benefits may be paid or furnished by reason of such application.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register**