

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The OCC, 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. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled Investment Securities (12 CFR part 1).

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by May 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0205, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the collection may be obtained by contacting John Ference or Jessie Gates, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0106), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (MA)—Investment Securities (12 CFR 1).

OMB Number: 1557-0205.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: National banks need these information collections to ensure that they invest in entities that are exempt from registration as an investment company. They also use these information collections to ensure that banks do not hold securities for time periods that would be unsafe and unsound. The OCC uses this information to ensure compliance with Federal laws and regulations.

Type of Review: Renewal of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Total Annual Responses: 25.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 460.

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 has 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; and

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

(e) Estimates of capital of startup costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Karen Solomon,

Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Advisory Committee on Geriatrics and Gerontology; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee (GGAC) will be held on March 20-21, 1997, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, in Room C-7 (B&C) located at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the GGAC is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary of Health on issues relative to the care and treatment of the aging veterans, and to evaluate the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (RECCs). The Committee will begin at 9:00 a.m. (EST) until 5:00 p.m. (EST) on March 20 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. (EST) until 12:00 noon (EST) on March 21.

The agenda for March 20 will begin with updates on activities in the Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care. The agenda will also cover an overview of activities in the offices of Research and Development, Employee Education, Academic Affiliations, and Policy.

On March 21 the Committee will review the three reports of site visits of the GRECCS, the activities in the Office of Primary Care and the status of GGAC projects as well as plan future activities.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Jacqueline Holmes, Program Assistant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group at (202) 273-8539 not later than March 17, 1997.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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Medical Research Service Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, that a meeting of the Medical Research Service Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Balboa Bay Club, 1221 West Coast Highway, Newport Beach, CA 92663, April 10-11 1997. The session on April 10 is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. and on April 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing the following four new protocols for multi-hospital clinical trial: groin hernia management, prevention of access thrombosis on hemodialysis patient, positron emission tomography (PET) imaging for lung neoplasm, management of bipolar mental disorder and the progress of on-going cooperative study on treatment of alcoholic liver disease.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Chief of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on both days to discuss the general status of the program. Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Ping Huang, Coordinator, Medical Research Service Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202-273-8295), prior to April 3, 1997.

The meeting will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 1997, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., on April 11, 1997, for consideration of specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b6.