

being transported. Shipping papers also provide emergency response information for use in the mitigation of an incident, and an emergency response telephone number for use in the event of an emergency. The telephone number must be monitored at all times the hazardous material is in transportation, by a person who is either knowledgeable of the hazardous material being shipped and has comprehensive emergency response and incident mitigation information for that material, or has immediate access to a person who possesses such knowledge and information. Shipping papers also serve as a means of notifying transport workers that hazardous materials are present, so that the proper loading, unloading, handling and safety procedures may be followed. This information collection renewal includes new requirements for: shippers and carriers to retain shipping papers for one year as mandated by Section 5110(e) under the Federal hazardous material transportation law; compliance with the HMR by intrastate shippers and carriers, published under Docket HM-200, "Hazardous Materials in Intrastate Commerce; Final Rule", on January 8, 1997 (62 FR 1108); and the President's initiative to reduce the regulatory burdens imposed by the Federal government.

*Affected Public:* Shippers and carriers of hazardous materials in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping:*

*Number of Respondents:* 250,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 260,000,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,500,000.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

*Title:* Radioactive Materials

(RAM)Transportation Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0510.

*Summary:* The requirements for transportation of RAM are provided in 49 CFR parts 171-180. Information collection requirements for RAM include shipper notification to consignees of the dates of shipment of RAM, expected arrival, special loading/unloading instructions; verification that

shippers using foreign-made packages hold a foreign competent authority certificate and verification that the terms of the certificate are being followed for RAM shipments being made into this country; and specific handling instructions from shippers to carriers for fissile RAM, bulk shipments of low specific activity RAM and packages of RAM which emit high levels of external radiation. These information collection requirements help to establish that proper packages are used for the type of radioactive material being transported, external radiation levels do not exceed prescribed limits, packages are handled appropriately and delivered in a timely manner, so as to ensure the safety of the general public, transport workers and emergency responders. This information collection has been adjusted to reflect program changes regarding responsibility for the routing of highway controlled quantities of radioactive materials.

*Affected Public:* Shippers and carriers of radioactive materials.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping:*

*Number of Respondents:* 3,807.

*Total Annual Responses:* 21,319.2.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14,480.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

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**Edward T. Mazzullo,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

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#### First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cheraw, Cheraw, South Carolina, Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1997, the Director,

Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Cheraw, Cheraw, South Carolina, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Southeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1475 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309.

Dated: November 14, 1997.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Nadine Y. Washington,**

*Corporate Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory Committee, Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App.), that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Gulf War Expert Scientific Advisory Committee (formerly named Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee) has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning November 10, 1997, through November 10, 1999.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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