

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed settlement can be obtained from Ann Gardner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1895.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

Frank Ciavattieri,

Acting Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration .

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, 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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Tamara R. Manly, Management Analyst (Regulatory Analysis), (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 4058, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comments should refer to "Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov].

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara R. Manly, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions.

OMB Number: 3064-0028.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: All financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,094.

Estimated Time per Response: 19.44 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 99,027 hours.

General Description of Collection: The collection ensures that banks effecting securities transactions maintain adequate records and controls over securities transactions they effect.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the 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 the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of December, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is submitting a request for review and approval of an expired information collection. The information collection concerns the certification of basements as floodproofed by licensed engineers or architects. This certification is normally performed during or immediately following construction of a house.

The request is submitted under the emergency processing procedures in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation 5 CFR 1320.13. FEMA is requesting that this information collection be approved by December 17, 1999. The approval will authorize FEMA to use the collection through June 30, 2000.

FEMA plans to follow this emergency request with a request for a 3-year approval. The request will be processed under OMB's normal clearance procedures in accordance with the provisions of OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.10. To help us with the timely processing of the emergency and normal clearance submissions to OMB, FEMA invites the general public to comment on the proposed collection of information. This notice and request for comments is in accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the floodplain management regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at 44 CFR 60.3, communities that participate in the NFIP must ensure that all new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) has the lowest floor elevation to or above the 100-year flood elevation, or Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This requirement is to ensure that the risks to new buildings in SFHAs is sufficiently small that frequent flood losses are reduced and flood insurance can be made available at reasonable rates. However at 44 CFR 60.6 (c), regulations allow communities to apply for an exception to permit the construction of floodproofed residential basements in SFHAs. If the community meets the criteria for an exception as described in 44 CFR 60.6 (d) (2) (i)-(iii), the community requests and receives an exception from FEMA that will allow floodproofed basements to be built in SFHAs in the community. Construction