

the aPAD; the level of confidence OPP has in its exposure estimates; and the extent to which such estimates may overstate potential exposure because they incorporate conservative assumptions or rely on atypical and unrealistic data. Further, to the extent understood, OPP considers by how much individual exposures would be estimated to exceed the aPAD.

Section IV briefly addresses the issues associated with exploratory analysis conducted by OPP with the DEEM software and the 99.9th percentile issue. Further details and specifics of this analysis are provided in the associated response to public comments.

Section V provides a list of the documents referenced in this science policy document.

The Appendix, entitled "Primer on Interpretation of Exposure Distribution Curves," is a "plain English" guide to Monte Carlo analysis and interpretation of its results.

IV. Issues Raised in Comments

EPA published a draft version of the document described in Unit III. under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** on April 7, 1999 (64 FR 16962) and comments were filed in docket control number OPP-00593. The public comment period ended on June 7, 1999. The Agency received comments from numerous different organizations. All comments were considered by the Agency in revising the document.

Many of the comments were similar in content, and pertained to general issues concerning the proposed policy or specific sections within the draft document. The comments addressed a broad range of issues and, in many instances, provided no general consensus. The Agency grouped the comments according to the nature of the comment and the issue or section of the document which they addressed. For the substantive comments that follow, contrasting opinions are presented, along with EPA's response. The full text of the Agency's response to the comments is available as described in Units I.B.1. and I.B.2. under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

V. Policies Not Rules

The revised science policy document discussed in this notice is intended to provide guidance to EPA personnel and decision-makers, and to the public. As a guidance document and not a rule, the policy in this guidance is not binding on either EPA or any outside parties. Although this guidance provides a starting point for EPA risk assessments, EPA will depart from its policy where the facts or circumstances warrant. In

such cases, EPA will explain why a different course was taken. Similarly, outside parties remain free to assert that a policy is not appropriate for a specific pesticide or that the circumstances surrounding a specific risk assessment demonstrate that a policy should be abandoned.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: March 16, 2000

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.
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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 the following collections of information titled: (1) Fair Housing Lending Monitoring System; (2) Application for Federal Deposit Insurance; (3) Foreign Banks and (4) Foreign Branch Report of Condition.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 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 F-4058, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comments should refer to the OMB control number. 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 a.m. and 5 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 Collections of Information

1. *Title:* Fair Housing Lending Monitoring System.

OMB Number: 3064-0046.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Number of Loan Applications: 1,000,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 83,333 hours.

General Description of Collection: In order to permit the FDIC to detect discrimination in residential mortgage lending, certain insured state nonmember banks are required by FDIC regulation 12 CFR 338 to maintain various data on home loan applicants.

2. *Title:* Application for Federal Deposit Insurance.

OMB Number: 3064-0001.

Form Number: 6200/05.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: All financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 250 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 50,000 hours.

General Description of Collection: The Federal Deposit Insurance Act requires a proposed bank or savings institution to apply to the FDIC in order to obtain federal deposit insurance. The form provides the information necessary for the FDIC to make a determination.

3. *Title:* Foreign Banks.

OMB Number: 3064-0114.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: Insured branches of foreign banks in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 418.

Estimated Time per Response: ranges from ¼ hour to 120 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4,398 hours.

General Description of Collection: The collection of information consists of (a) applications to operate as a noninsured state-licensed branch of a foreign bank; (b) applications from an insured state-

licensed branch of a foreign bank to conduct activities which are not permissible for a federally-licensed branch; (c) internal recordkeeping by insured branches of foreign banks; and (d) reporting requirements relating to an insured branch's pledge of assets to the FDIC.

4. *Title:* Foreign Branch Report of Condition.

OMB Number: 3064-0011.

Form Number: FFIEC 030.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly/Annually.

Affected Public: Foreign branches of insured banks.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 41.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 146 hours.

General Description of Collection: The Foreign Branch Report of Condition, Form FFIEC 030, contains asset and liability information along with data on certain off balance sheet items for foreign branches of insured banks.

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.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 16th day of March, 2000.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License

Applicant

Notice is hereby given that the following applicant has filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as a Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR part 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicant should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Ocean Transportation Intermediary Applicant

Global Total Logistics, LLC, 3885 Meadow Park Lane, Torrance, CA 90505, Officers: David Chiang, Manager (Qualifying Individual), Sumadi Kusuma, Manager.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also

includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. Burton Bancshares, Inc., Burton, Texas, Burton Holdings, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and Burton Holdings, Inc., Burton, Texas; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Burton State Bank, Burton, Texas.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Maria Villanueva, Consumer Regulation Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. EarthBank Corporation, San Mateo, California; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Monument Bancshares, Inc., Poland, Ohio, and thereby indirectly acquire Monument National Bank, Ridgecrest, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 16, 2000.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting on April 13-14, 2000.

Board Meeting Summary: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 13, from 1 to 4 and Friday, April 14, from 9 to 3:30 p.m. room 7C13, the Elmer Staats Briefing Room, of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., NW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Approve procedures for Technical Bulletins