

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

URR has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by November 3, 2000. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), URR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by URR's filing of a notice of consummation by October 30, 2001, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: October 19, 2000.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices; Proposed Collections; Comment Requests

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on two information collections that are due for renewed approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Financial Analysis within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning Treasury International Capital Form BL-3, Intermediary's Notification of Foreign Borrowing Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury International Capital Form CM, Dollar Deposit and Certificate of Deposit Claims on Banks Abroad.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 29, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Dwight Wolkow, Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 5205 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220, Ph: (202) 622-1276, Fax (202) 622-7448.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Titles:** Treasury International Capital Form BL-3, Intermediary's Notification of Foreign Borrowing Denominated in Dollars; and Treasury International Capital Form CM, Dollar Deposit and Certificate of Deposit Claims on Banks Abroad.

**OMB Numbers:** 1505-0088 and 1505-0023.

**Abstracts:** Forms BL-3 and CM are part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 286f; 22 U.S.C. 3103; EO 10033; 31 CFR 128), and are designed to collect timely information on international portfolio capital movements. Form BL-3 is a monthly report used to strengthen compliance with existing TIC reporting requirements, whereby a U.S. bank advises its domestic nonbank customers of their responsibilities to report as liabilities on TIC Form CQ-1 their loans from foreigners that the bank will not include among its reportable custody liabilities to foreigners on TIC Form BL-2. Form CM is a monthly report whereby nonbank enterprises in the U.S. report their total dollar deposit and certificate of deposit claims on foreign banks. This information is necessary for compiling the U.S. balance of payments accounts, for calculating the U.S. international investment position, and for use in formulating U.S. international financial and monetary policies.

**Current Actions:** No changes to reporting requirements for either form are proposed at this time.

**Type of Review:** Extensions.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

Form BL-3 (1505-0088).

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 25.

**Estimated Average Time per Respondent:** 30 minutes per respondent per filing.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 150 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

Form CM (1505-0023).

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 55

**Estimated Average Time per**

**Respondent:** 30 minutes per respondent per filing.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 330 hours, based on twelve reporting periods per year.

### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit written comments concerning: whether Forms BL-3 and CM are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office, including whether the information collected has practical uses; the accuracy of the above burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; ways to minimize the reporting and/or recordkeeping burdens on respondents, including the use of information technologies to automate the collection of the data; and estimates of capital or start-up costs of operation, maintenance, and purchases of services to provide information.

**Dwight Wolkow,**

Administrator, International Portfolio  
Investment Data Systems.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 29-30, 2000, in room 430 of VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on both days.

The purpose of the meeting is to review information relating to the health effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. The major items on the agenda for both days will be discussions and analyses of medical and scientific papers concerning the health effects of

exposure to ionizing radiation. On the basis of their analyses and discussions, the Committee may make recommendations to the Secretary concerning diseases that are the result of exposure to ionizing radiation. The agenda for the second day will include planning future Committee activities and assignment of tasks among the members.

The meeting is open to the public on both days. Those who wish to attend should contact Ersie Farber-Collins of

the Department of Veterans Affairs, Compensation and Pension Service, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420, prior to November 27, 2000. Ms. Farber-Collins may also be reached at 202-273-7268.

Members of the public may submit written questions or prepared statements for review by the Advisory Committee in advance of the meeting. Submitted material must be received at least five (5) days prior to the meeting and should be sent to Ms. Farber-

Collins' attention at the address given above. Those who submit material may be asked to clarify it prior to its consideration by the Advisory Committee.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Marvin Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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