

government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to these exemptions, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment or discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, these exemptions will be effective on September 1, 2001, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup> formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by August 13, 2001. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by August 22, 2001, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicants' representative: Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

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

NYC and CSXT have filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment and discontinuance on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by

<sup>2</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>3</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

August 7, 2001. 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), NYC 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 NYC's filing of a notice of consummation by August 2, 2002, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

Decided: July 25, 2001.

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

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 26, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 4, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-0121.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 1116.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Estate, Trust, or Nonresident Alien Individual).

*Description:* Form 1116 is used by individuals (including nonresident aliens), estates or trusts who paid foreign income taxes on U.S. taxable income to compute the foreign tax credit. This information is used by the IRS to verify the foreign tax credit.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeeper:* 442,425.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Recordkeeping—2 hr., 43 min.

Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 10 min.

Preparing the form—3 hr., 4 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—34 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 2,862,104 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0936.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8453.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Return.

*Description:* This form will be used to secure taxpayers' signatures and declarations in conjunction with the Electronic Filing program. This form, together with the electronic transmission, will comprise the taxpayer's income tax return.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 12,300,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,075,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Mary A. Able,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### OMB Control No. 2900-0129

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to process a claim for disability benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0129" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Supplemental Disability Report, VA Form Letter 29-30a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0129.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form Letter 29-30a is used to determine the insurer's eligibility to obtain disability insurance benefits. VA uses the data collected on the form letter when evaluating a claim for disability insurance benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 548 hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,570.

Dated: July 12, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0317]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 4, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Request for Identifying Information Re: Veteran's Loan Records, VA Form Letter 26-626.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0317.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The form letter is used to notify a correspondent of additional information needed to complete a

claimant's application. The information is needed to determine if a veteran's loan guaranty benefit is involved.

Without this form, VA would be unable to obtain the necessary information to associate the correspondence with the veteran's application or loan records.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 24, 2001, at page 20722.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 200 hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,400.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317" in any correspondence.

Dated: July 17, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0046]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 4, 2001.