

Mawn, Boston, Massachusetts, and the Mawn Family Limited Partnership, Woburn, Massachusetts (James J. Mawn, Jr. and Marilyn C. Mawn, general partners), acting in concert to acquire voting shares of Northern Bancorp, Inc., Woburn, Massachusetts, and thereby indirectly acquire Northern Bank and Trust Company, Woburn, Massachusetts.

Comments on this application must be received by March 1, 2002.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 11, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. 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 the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 1, 2002.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Stephen J. Ong, Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *First Financial Bancorp*, Hamilton, Ohio; to engage *de novo* through First Financial Capital Advisors, LLC,

Hamilton, Ohio, in providing investment advisory services to open-end investment companies (mutual funds), pursuant to section 225.28(b)(6)(i) and providing a range of administrative and related services to mutual funds, see Bankers Trust New York Corporation, 83 Federal Reserve Bulletin 780 (1997).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 11, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of December 11, 2001

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on December 11, 2001.¹

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with reducing the federal funds rate to an average of around 1¾ percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, February 6, 2002.

Donald L. Kohn,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards.

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: On January 31, 2002, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), on the recommendation of the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards, issued an exposure draft of

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on December 11, 2001, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

proposed revisions to Government Auditing Standards (also known as the Yellow Book) (GAO-02-340G). The changes propose revision throughout the entire set of standards except for the second general standard, independence, which was revised separately. The proposed revisions fall into three categories: GAGAS framework, consistent application of the standards where applicable to the various types of audits, and strengthening or streamlining the standards.

DATES: Comments are accepted through April 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the exposure draft can be obtained on the Internet on GAO's Home Page (www.gao.gov/govaud/ybk01.htm). Additional copies of these proposed revisions can be obtained from the U.S. General Accounting Office, Room 1100, 700 4th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548, or by calling (202) 512-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia Buchanan, Assistant Director, Government Auditing Standards, 202-512-9321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since GAO is still experiencing delays in mail delivery, it would be preferable if you sent your comments via e-mail to yellowbook@gao.gov. To ensure that your comments are considered by the Advisory Council in their deliberations, please submit them by April 30, 2002. If you need to use the mail, it would be helpful if you sent your comments both in writing and on diskette (in Word or ASCII format). Please sent any mail to the following address: Government Auditing Standards Comments, U.S. General Accounting Office, Room 5X16 (FMA), 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548. (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507)

Marcia B. Buchanan,

Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

Time and Date:

February 26, 2002—9 a.m.—6 p.m.

February 27, 2002—10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building,
 Room 705A, 200 Independence Avenue SW.,
 Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the first day the full Committee will be briefed by HHS staff on number of topics including an update on activities of the HHS Data Council; Department responses to recent reports and recommendations from the Committee; and the status of implementation of the administrative simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) including the status of privacy and data standards regulations. The Committee will hear presentations on Public Health Preparedness and the National Health Information Infrastructure from a panel of speakers, and a second panel of speakers will present on the Public Key Infrastructure. The Committee will also review drafts of written materials including its 5th annual report to Congress on the implementation of HIPAA administrative simplification provisions. There will be Subcommittee breakout sessions late in the afternoon of the first day and prior to the full Committee meeting on the second day. On the second day the Committee will hear from the Director of the National Center for Health Statistics on that agency's activities and will be briefed by the HHS Office for Human Research Protections on the mission and purpose of that Office. Later in the day the Committee will hear reports from the Subcommittees and Workgroups. Finally, the agendas for future NCVHS meetings will be discussed.

Notice: In the interest of security, HHS has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Persons without a government identification card may need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information including an agenda will be posted when available.

Dated: February 8, 2002.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Levels of Selected Drinking Water Disinfection By-products in Whole Blood after Showering: The Effect of Genetic Polymorphisms—NEW—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Chlorine is the most commonly used chemical for disinfecting U.S. water supplies; however, chlorine reacts with organic compounds in the water to produce halogenated hydrocarbon by-products. Exposure to these disinfection by-products (DBPs) has been associated with liver and bladder cancer in humans and is suspected of other

adverse health outcomes. We recently completed a study of household exposure to one class of DBPs in tap water, trihalomethanes (THMs) (Backer *et al.*, 2000). We found an increase in whole blood levels of one class of (THMs) after people showered or bathed in tap water. We also found that the increases fell roughly into two groups; one group was clustered around a higher level, the other a lower level. It is possible that this clustering is the result of individual variations in physiological characteristics or it could be the result of differences in the ability to metabolize THMs.

Since several polymorphically expressed enzymes are linked to the metabolism of DBPs, these physiologic and genetic differences may be important in determining an individual's risk for cancer and other health risks associated with exposure to these compounds. We plan to measure the change in blood concentration of DBPs after showering. We will then examine the association between people with different enzyme variants and post-exposure blood THM levels. The study will be conducted in two parts. Part 1 will involve recruiting 250 volunteers who do not have a history of lung problems and who are willing to participate in all aspects of the study. These 250 will be asked to provide some demographic information. They will also provide a buccal cell sample that will be analyzed in order to find a pool of 100 volunteers who have the genetic polymorphisms of interest. Part 2 will involve the 100 study subjects giving three blood samples before and three blood samples after taking a shower. A urine sample will be collected and stored for future use in evaluating urine levels of haloacetic acids (HAAs), another important class of drinking water DBPs. Air and water samples will also be collected.

Subjects will complete a brief questionnaire in order to obtain personal information that might impact the dose of volatized DBPs they receive. This data will be analyzed to determine whether the physiologic and genetic differences among individuals result in differences in blood THM levels after similar exposure. There are no costs to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Healthy, College-age adults	250	1	1	250