

Under the heading "retention", BEP is adding language concerning the retention of the records submitted by the visitors to the bureau premises. Under the heading "System Manager," the identification of the system manager at the Fort Worth facility is being changed to show that the Manager of the Security and Police Division is the specific individual responsible for the maintenance of the records at that facility.

Finally, all references to Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD) employees are removed from the text under the headings "Categories of individuals," "Categories of records in the system," and "Safeguards," as they no longer occupy the BEP facility.

The system notice was last published in its entirety in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 66, page 33305, on June 21, 2001.

The report of an altered system of records, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, has been submitted to the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals."

For the reasons set forth in this preamble, the BEP proposes to amend its system of records Treasury/BEP .027 as set forth below:

**TREASURY/BEP .027**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Programmable Access Security System (PASS)—Treasury/BEP.  
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**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Description of the Change: Remove the words "employees of the Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD) who are assigned to work at the 12th and C streets SW. Washington, DC. facility;". Remove the "and" following "BEP Access Badges" and insert a semicolon (;); remove the words "and the Bureau of Public Debt who have been cleared for access to either bureau.", insert a comma(,); and add the following new category of individuals:  
\* \* \* \* \*

"and all official visitors who do not possess a valid Federal Government ID."

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Description of the Change: In category (A) remove the words "and BPD." In category (B) remove the words "and

BPD." Category (c) is revised to read as follows:  
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"For all official visitors who do not possess a valid Federal Government ID, i.e., those who will require an "Escort Visitor" badge, their full name, social security number, and date of birth (DOB) will be maintained."  
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**SAFEGUARDS:**

Description of the Change: Remove the word "BPD" from the last sentence under this heading.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Description of Change: Remove the current text and in its place add the following:  
\* \* \* \* \*

"The retention period is for at most two (2) years."

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Description of Change: The words "Security Division personnel" are removed and the following words are added in their place "Manager, Security and Police Division".  
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Dated: September 5, 2002.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0460]

**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 for information needed to verify loan applicant's income and employment.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 12, 2002.

**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*. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0460" 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 (Pub. L. 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:* Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0460.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 26-8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant's income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes; any comprehensible form or independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26-8497 is provided. The form is also used in processing direct loan cases, offers on acquired properties, and release of liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 25,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 150,000.

Dated: September 4, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**Ernesto Castro,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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