

U.S.C. 9607, against the Union Carbide and Henkel Corporations for response costs incurred at the Amchem CERCLA Removal Site, located in Ambler, Pennsylvania. The proposed settlement requires the Union Carbide and Henkel Corporations, collectively, to pay \$62,500 to the EPA Hazardous Substance Fund.

The Union Carbide and Henkel Corporations, as the Settling Parties, have executed binding certifications of their consent to participate in this settlement. Union Carbide and Henkel Corporations have agreed to pay the \$62,500, collectively, subject to the contingency that EPA may elect not to complete the settlement based on matters brought to its attention during the public comment period established by this document.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. EPA will consider all comments received, and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA's response to any written comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, and should reference Amchem CERCLA Removal Site, Ambler, Pennsylvania, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA 03-2002-0106. The proposed settlement agreement is available for public inspection at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. A copy of the proposed settlement agreement can be obtained from Lydia Guy, Regional Docket Clerk (3RCOO) Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, telephone number (215) 814-2489.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles B. Howland, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel (3RC44) 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

19103, telephone number (215) 814-2645.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Membership of the Federal Labor Relations Authority's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Federal Labor Relations Authority.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the members of the Performance Review Board.

DATES: September 16, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Goodell, Director, Human Resources Division, Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), 607 Fourteenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20424-0001; (202) 482-6690, extension 423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c) (1) through (5) of title 5, U.S.C., requires that each agency establish, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more Performance Review Boards. The Boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive.

The following persons will serve on the FLRA's FY 2002 Performance Review Board:

Solly Thomas, Office of the Executive Director, FLRA.

James Petrucci, Office of the General Counsel, FLRA.

Gloria Joseph, National Labor Relations Board.

Robert Rogowski, U.S. International Trade Commission.

Dated: September 10, 2002.

Douglas Goodell,

Director, Human Resources Division.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: *Background.* On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-I's and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Request For Comment on Information Collection Proposals.

The following information collection, which is being handled under this delegated authority, has received initial Board approval and is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

a. whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;

b. the accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Ms. Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20551. However, because paper mail in the

Washington area and at the Board of Governors is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments by e-mail to regs.comments@federalreserve.gov, or faxing them to the Office of the Secretary at 202-452-3819 or 202-452-3102. Comments addressed to Ms. Johnson may also be delivered to the Board's mail facility in the West Courtyard between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., located on 21st Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Members of the public may inspect comments in Room MP-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays pursuant to 261.12, except as provided in 261.14, of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.12 and 261.14.

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Joseph F. Lackey, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the reporting form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below.

Mary M. West, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact Capria Mitchell (202) 872-4984, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority to revise the Filing Method for the following reports:

Report title: Financial Statements for Bank Holding Companies

Agency form number: FR Y-9C, FR Y-9LP, FR Y-9SP, and FR Y-9CS

OMB control number: 7100-0128

Frequency: Quarterly, semiannually
Reporters: Bank holding companies (BHCs)

Annual reporting hours: FR Y-9C: 252,675 hours, FR Y-9LP: 40,495 hours, FR Y-9SP: 28,273 hours, FR Y-9CS: 1,200 hours

Estimated average hours per response: FR Y-9C: 33.98 hours, FR Y-9LP: 4.55 hours, FR Y-9SP: 3.89 hours, FR Y-9CS: 30 minutes

Number of respondents: FR Y-9C: 1,859, FR Y-9LP: 2,225, FR Y-9SP: 3,634, FR Y-9CS: 600

Small businesses are affected.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 1844(c)). Confidential treatment is not routinely given to the data in these reports. However, confidential treatment for the reporting information, in whole or in part, can be requested in accordance with the instructions to the form.

Abstract: The FR Y-9C consists of standardized consolidated financial statements similar to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Reports) (FFIEC 031 & 041; OMB No. 7100-0036). The FR Y-9C is filed quarterly by top-tier bank holding companies that have total assets of \$150 million or more and by lower-tier bank holding companies that have total consolidated assets of \$1 billion or more. In addition, multibank holding companies with total consolidated assets of less than \$150 million with debt outstanding to the general public or engaged in certain nonbank activities must file the FR Y-9C.

The FR Y-9LP includes standardized financial statements filed quarterly on a parent company only basis from each bank holding company that files the FR Y-9C. In addition, for tiered bank holding companies, a separate FR Y-9LP must be filed for each lower tier bank holding company.

The FR Y-9SP is a parent company only financial statement filed semiannually by one-bank holding companies with total consolidated assets of less than \$150 million, and multibank holding companies with total consolidated assets of less than \$150 million that meet certain other criteria. This report, an abbreviated version of the more extensive FR Y-9LP, is designed to obtain basic balance sheet and income statement information for the parent company, information on intangible assets, and information on intercompany transactions.

The FR Y-9CS is a free form supplement that may be utilized to collect any additional information deemed to be critical and needed in an expedited manner. It is intended to supplement the FR Y-9C and FR Y-9SP reports.

CURRENT ACTIONS: The Federal Reserve proposes to require electronic submission of all FR Y-9 reports effective with the June 30, 2003, report date for FR Y-9C and FR Y-9LP filers and the December 31, 2003, report date¹ for

FR Y-9SP filers. The Federal Reserve would no longer accept paper copy reports from BHCs. The current submission deadline would remain 45 calendar days after the report date.

BHCs that do not currently submit their FR Y-9 reports electronically may either develop the appropriate software for electronic submission or contract with a software vendor that can provide the required software and services.² Any BHC that would like to develop its own electronic submission software would be required to contact its district Federal Reserve Bank for guidance.

The Federal Reserve has provided BHCs the option to submit their FR Y-9 reports electronically (via FedLine in 1991 and the Internet in 2000), but has never required electronic submission. The Federal Reserve has continued to promote the use of electronic submission of the FR Y-9 series of reports and other regulatory reports. Currently, approximately 60% of the larger BHCs submit their FR Y-9C and FR Y-9LP reports electronically, while only about 20% of the smaller BHCs submit their FR Y-9SP reports electronically. However, all banks have been required to submit their FFIEC Call Reports electronically since 1997.

The Federal Reserve proposes to require electronic submission of the reports as part of an ongoing effort to provide the public with financial information for U.S. BHCs on a timelier basis. Requiring electronic submission would be the first phase in this effort. The Federal Reserve anticipates that in the future BHCs would be required to build into their electronic submission software data editing capabilities utilizing the Federal Reserve's "validity" and "quality" edits. As part of the electronic submission process,

¹ December 31, 2002. If the FR Y-9ES report is approved it would be subject to the electronic submission requirement for the December 31, 2003 report date. See Federal Register notice (67 FR 49356) published July 30, 2002.

² For further information on available BHC reporting preparation software, a list of some of the vendors who market this software follows: The InterCept Group, 27200 Agoura Road, Suite 100 Calabasas Hills, CA 91301, Telephone: (800) 825-3772, www.intercept.net. DBI Financial Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 90360 Santa Barbara, CA 91390-0360, Telephone: (800) 774-3279, www.e-dbi.com. Milas LLC, 2936 Graceland Way, Glendale, CA 91206, Telephone: (888) 862-7610. Financial Architects US, 80 Slocum Avenue, Bronxville, New York 10708, Telephone: (914) 376-5405, www.finarch.com. Sheshunoff Information Services, P.O. Box 13203 Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711, Telephone: (800) 456-2340, www.sheshunoff.com. S1 Corporation, 2815 Coliseum Centre Drive, Suite 300, Charlotte, NC 28217, Telephone: (704) 423-0394, frs.s1.com. STB Systems, 245 Park Avenue, 39th Floor, New York, NY 10167, Telephone: (212) 792-4136, www.stbssystems.com. This list is not an endorsement from the Federal Reserve of any of these products.

¹ The Federal Reserve is proposing to implement a new annual report (FR Y-9ES) that would be filed by ESOP banking holding companies effective

BHCs would be required to pass all validity edits and provide narrative remarks for all quality edit exceptions prior to data being accepted by the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve will submit these data editing requirements for public comment as a separate proposal at a later date.

A list of validity edits is located in the instructions to the FR Y-9 reports (except for the FR Y-9CS) and has been available to BHCs and software vendors for a number of years. These validity edits are principally used by the Federal Reserve to check the mathematical accuracy of financial data submitted in the FR Y-9 reports. The Federal Reserve also employs quality edits, currently not available to BHCs and software vendors, typically used to review the relationships between report line items and schedules. The Federal Reserve anticipates releasing many of the quality edits to BHCs and software vendors in the near future so that they may become familiar with the type of review performed by the Federal Reserve.

The Federal Reserve envisions that when these two requirements, mandated electronic submission and editing, are operating effectively, it could accelerate the public release of BHC financial data in a time frame that is much closer to the submission date. Currently, the Federal Reserve makes available to the public via the Internet (at the Federal Reserve Board's public web site at www.federalreserve.gov) data from the FR Y-9C and FR Y-9LP reports for the 50 largest U.S. BHCs generally within 10 days of the submission deadline. All other FR Y-9 data are typically posted to the Internet within 35 days after the submission date. These data are posted to the Internet after the financial data are reviewed and edited by the Federal Reserve.

The Federal Reserve believes that this approach will result in a more efficient financial data collection and dissemination process. This revised process should not be a significant burden to large or small bank holding companies because of advancements in, and the common use of, computer technology, and because all banks are currently required to submit their Call Reports electronically.

The Federal Reserve plans to extend the electronic submission requirement to other Federal Reserve regulatory reports in the future.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 10, 2002.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 011 0244]

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Consent Agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments filed in electronic form should be directed to: consent_agreement@ftc.gov, as prescribed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Barry Costilo, FTC, Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 2.34 of the Commission's rules of practice, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for September 10, 2002), on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/2002/09/index.htm>. A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room

159-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "confidential." Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to email messages directed to the following email box: consent_agreement@ftc.gov. Such comments will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with § 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's rules of practice, 16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted an agreement to a proposed consent order from the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works ("AIC"). AIC has its principal place of business in Washington, DC.

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received, and decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

AIC is an association of professional conservators. The complaint alleges that AIC engages in substantial activities for the economic benefit of its members. The complaint alleges that AIC has approximately 3,100 members, many of whom provide professional services for a fee or who are employed by organizations that provide such services for a fee.

A conservation professional is a person who manages, cares for, preserves, or treats cultural objects, including artistic, historical, archaeological, scientific, and religious objects. The conservation professional may determine the condition, the need for treatment or restoration, and the appropriate method for preservation of such objects, and perform the required work to minimize deterioration or to restore such objects to their original state.

The complaint charges that AIC has violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act by acting as a combination of its members and in agreement with some of its members to restrain price competition among conservation professionals. The