

Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2002-49 and should be submitted by October 23, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3447]

State of Indiana

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on September 25, 2002, I find that Bartholomew, Blackford, Brown, Daviess, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Grant, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Jay, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Pike, Posey, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Tipton and Vanderburgh in the State of Indiana constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and tornadoes occurring on September 20, 2002. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on November 25, 2002 and for economic injury until the close of business on June 25, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations:

U.S. Small Business Administration,
Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Adams, Boone, Clay, Clinton, Dearborn, Dubois, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jennings, Martin, Miami, Montgomery, Orange, Putnam, Ripley, Union, Vigo, Wabash, Warrick, Washington, Wayne and Wells in the State of Indiana; Clark, Crawford, Gallatin, Lawrence, Wabash and White

counties in the State of Illinois; Henderson and Union counties in the State of Kentucky; and Butler, Darke, Hamilton and Mercer counties in the State of Ohio.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.312
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	7.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	3.500
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	6.375
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	3.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 344711. For economic injury the number is 9R7600 for Indiana; 9R7700 for Illinois; 9R7800 for Kentucky; and 9R7900 for Ohio.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: September 26, 2002.

S. George Camp,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Office of Special Counsel (OSC)

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel

ACTION: Final Agency Guidelines

SUMMARY: Pursuant to guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) published a *Federal Register* (FR) notice on April 30, 2002, inviting public comment on its draft report to OMB with proposed OSC guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of certain information disseminated to the public ("information quality guidelines"). 67 FR 21316. This notice describes comments received, and announces the availability of OSC's final information quality guidelines.

DATES: Final OSC information quality guidelines become effective on October 2, 2002

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharyn Danch, by mail (Planning and Advice Division, Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., (Suite 201), Washington, DC 20036-4505), or electronic mail (info_quality@osc.gov). OSC's final information quality guidelines are available on the agency Web site (<http://www.osc.gov>, at the "Reading Room" link).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB guidelines, issued to Federal agencies under section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763), provide that each agency should: (1) develop information resources management procedures and issue agency guidelines to ensure the quality, objectivity, utility and integrity of information disseminated by the agency to the public; (2) establish administrative mechanisms for affected persons to seek and obtain the correction of disseminated information that does not comply with the OMB or agency guidelines; and (3) report annually to OMB on requests for correction received by the agency and the resolution of those requests. OMB advises agencies to use common sense in adapting its guidelines to information disseminated to the public, taking into account the nature and importance of the information involved. Finally, OMB encourages agencies to incorporate standards and procedures required by its guidelines into existing agency information management and administrative practices, under applicable laws and OMB circulars.

On April 30, 2002, pursuant to the OMB guidelines, OSC published its draft report to OMB with proposed OSC information quality guidelines, and invited public comment on or before June 1, 2002. OSC received one response, from the Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (CRE), on May 30th, 2002. On June 6, 2002, OMB gave agencies an extension of time (to August 1, 2002) in which to submit their reports with proposed guidelines to OMB, and suggested that agencies consider extending the public comment period on their guidelines. 67 FR 40755. On July 8, 2002, OSC published a notice extending the public comment period to July 10, 2002. 67 FR 45168. A second response, received from Citizens for Sensible Safeguards (CSS) on June 14, 2002, was deemed to have been received during the comment period, as

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).