

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 9117**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 9117, Excise Tax Program Order Blank for Forms and Publications.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 6, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glen P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of form and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Excise Tax Program Order Blank for Forms and Publications.

OMB Number: 1545-1096.

Form Number: 9117.

Abstract: Form 9117 allows taxpayers who must file Form 720 returns a systemic way to order additional tax forms and informational publications.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 22, 2006.

Glenn P. Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Thrift Supervision**

[No. 2006-32]

Community Reinvestment Act; Questions and Answers Regarding Community Reinvestment; Notice

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice revises OTS guidance relating to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA).

DATES: *Effective date:* September 5, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celeste Anderson, Senior Program Manager, Operation Risk, (202) 906-7990; Richard Bennett, Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division, (202) 906-7409, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

To help savings associations meet their responsibilities under the CRA and to increase public understanding of the CRA regulations, OTS, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (Board), and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) have previously published guidance in the form of questions and answers about the CRA regulations. That guidance is intended to provide the informal views of agency staff for use by examiners and other agency personnel, financial institutions, and the public, and is supplemented periodically. See Interagency Questions and Answers Regarding Community Reinvestment, 66 FR 36620 (July 12, 2001) (2001 Interagency Q&As).

Today, OTS is issuing questions and answers to provide additional guidance for savings associations. OTS proposed this guidance on April 12, 2006. (70 FR 18807). Today's final guidance is identical to the proposed OTS guidance and very similar to final guidance jointly issued by the OCC, Board, and FDIC on March 10, 2006 (71 FR 12424). However, as with OTS's proposal, today's final guidance only includes questions and answers that pertain to OTS's revised definition of "community development" and certain other provisions of the CRA rule that are common to all four agencies. It does not include questions and answers that pertain to additional revisions the OCC, Board, and FDIC made to their CRA rules in their August 2, 2005 rulemaking (70 FR 44256), since OTS has not adopted those revisions to date. Other minor wording differences between OTS's guidance and that of the other agencies were highlighted in the preamble to OTS's April 12, 2006 notice.

As in the 2001 Interagency Q&As, the questions and answers are grouped by the provision of the CRA regulations that they discuss and are presented in the same order as the regulatory provisions. As a result of technical changes made to the four federal banking agencies' CRA rules (70 FR 15570 (March 28, 2005)) and recent revisions to OTS's CRA rule, some of the numbering in the 2001 Interagency Q&As no longer corresponds to the appropriate sections of the revised regulation. However, in today's questions and answers, if a reference is made to an existing question and answer, the number of the existing question and answer, as published in the 2001 Interagency Q&As, is given, even if the old reference does not