

CFR 103.19. This information will be made available, in accordance with strict safeguards, to appropriate criminal law enforcement and regulatory personnel, and to the registered securities associations and national securities exchanges (so-called self-regulatory organizations) for use in official performance of their duties, for regulatory purposes and in investigations and proceedings involving domestic and international money laundering, terrorist financing, tax violations, fraud, and other financial crimes.

Broker-dealers, futures commission merchants, and introducing brokers in commodities required to report suspicious transactions, or reporting such transactions voluntarily, will be subject to the protection from liability contained in 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(3) and to the prohibition contained in 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(2) against notifying any person involved in the transaction that a suspicious activity report has been filed.

The current SAR-SF may be reviewed at [http://www.fincen.gov/forms/files/fin101\\_sar-sf.pdf](http://www.fincen.gov/forms/files/fin101_sar-sf.pdf).

*Type of Review:* Renewal without change of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected public:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* As required.

*Estimated Reporting Burden:* Average of 60 minutes per response. (The reporting burden of the regulations (31 CFR 103.17 and 103.19) is reflected in the burden for the form.)

*Estimated Recordkeeping Burden* for 31 CFR 103.17 or 31 CFR 103.19: 2 hours.

Estimated number of respondents = 8,300.

Estimated Total Annual Responses = 15,500.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 46,500 hours.

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. Records required to be retained under the Bank Secrecy Act must be retained for five years.

*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.

Dated: November 25, 2008.

**James H. Freis, Jr.,**

*Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0636]

### Agency Information Collection (Accelerated Payment Verification of Completion Letter) Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0636" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0636."

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Accelerated Payment Verification of Completion Letter.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0636.

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

*Abstract:* Claimants electing to receive an accelerated payment for educational assistance allowance must certify they received such payment and how the payment was used. The data collected is used to determine the claimant's entitlement to accelerated payment.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 23, 2008, at page 54898.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 150 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,119.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 1,798.

Dated: November 25, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0003]

### Proposed Information Collection (Application for Burial Benefits) Activity: 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 currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information