

not established new effective dates for using this revised SAR form.

Consistent with the 2006 revisions to the SAR form, FinCEN and the bank regulators are once again proposing to adopt the revised 2006 SAR form. This SAR form will not become effective until FinCEN establishes new dates consistent with its data quality initiatives. The OCC uses the SAR and the supporting documentation retained by national banks for supervisory purposes. The information collection identifies suspicious transactions that could pose a threat to national banks.

Banks are required to maintain a copy of any SAR filed and the original or business record equivalent of any supporting documentation for a period of five years. The documents are necessary for criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Procedures for Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act Compliance (12 CFR 21.21)

Under 12 CFR 21.21, national banks are required to develop and provide for the continued administration of a program reasonably designed to assure and monitor their compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and Treasury regulations at 12 CFR part 31. The compliance program shall be reduced to writing, approved by the board of directors, and noted in the minutes. These requirements are necessary to ensure bank compliance with the BSA and 12 CFR part 31. National banks use the compliance program to ensure compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act. Bank examiners review the written procedures and board approval in the examination process.

FinCEN and the Internal Revenue Detroit Computing Center (DCC) operate the computer system containing the information collected from banks. FinCEN and DCC provide on-line access to the information to representatives of bank regulators and appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals; Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,501.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 337,421.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 449,086.

OCC, FinCEN, FRB, FDIC, OTS, and NCUA issued a 60-day notice for comment on April 1, 2009. 71 FR 14863. The notice covered the information collection requirements contained in the SAR for all of the agencies and the information collection requirements in OCC's part 21. No comments were received by the OCC. FinCEN received three comments, one of which was also received by the FDIC. A comment summary is included in the information collection submitted to OMB.

The OCC invites continued comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board [Request for Applications: Clinical Science Research and Development (RFA: "CSR&D) Award for Investigators Associated with the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)"]; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a special emphasis review panel of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research

and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board [RFA: "CSR&D Award for Investigators Associated with the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)"] will conduct a telephone conference call on Monday, July 27, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development, Washington, DC.

The purpose of this special emphasis review panel of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a range of specialties and subspecialties related to PTSD, substance use and abuse.

This conference call will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of the session to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the conference call will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of non-clinician credentials and research proposals to be performed for the Department of Veterans Affairs, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of a meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B). Individuals wishing to participate in the call or who would like to obtain a copy of the conference call minutes and roster of the members of the review panel should contact LeRoy G. Frey, PhD, Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 at (202) 461-1664.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

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