brokers or dealers in securities ("broker-dealers") to report suspicious transactions ("Broker-Dealer SAR rule"), (67 FR 44048). The final Broker-Dealer SAR rule can also be found at 31 CFR 1023.320. On August 5, 2002, FinCEN issued a final rule requiring futures commission merchants and introducing brokers in commodities to report suspicious transactions ("FCM SAR rule"), (67 FR 50751). The final FCM SAR rule can also be found at 31 CFR 1023.320.

The information collected is required to be provided pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 5318(g), 31 CFR 1026.320 and 31 CFR 1023.320. 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. A broker-dealer must maintain control number 1506–0019 assigned to maintain control number 1506–0019 active as a reporting requirement.

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: December 29, 2011.

James H. Freis, Jr.,
Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Amendment—Evergreen National Indemnity Company


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 4 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2011 Revision, published July 1, 2011, at 76 FR 38892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874–6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to Western Bonding Company (NAIC# 13191) under 31 U.S.C. 9305 to qualify as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is terminated effective today. Federal bond-approving officials should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Department Circular 570 (“Circular”), 2011 Revision, to reflect this change.

With respect to any bonds, including continuous bonds, currently in force with above listed Company, bond-approving officers should secure new bonds with acceptable sureties in those instances where a significant amount of liability remains outstanding. In addition, in no event, should bonds that are continuous in nature be renewed.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at www.fms.treas.gov/c570.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F01, Hyattsville, MD 20782.
Dated: December 20, 2011.

Laura Carrico,
Director, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Financial Management Service.

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