

commercial database vendor information, are in need of updating. Further, in January 2013, the USPTO launched a new classification system, the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) system, that is based on the International Patent Classification (IPC) system. The CPC, a joint patent classification system developed by the USPTO and the European Patent Office (EPO), incorporates the best classification practices of both the U.S. and European systems. Since CPC is a detailed, collaborative, and dynamic system that will enable patent examiners and the public to efficiently conduct thorough patent searches, the search templates will become obsolete.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 21, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pinchus M. Laufer, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at 571-272-7726; or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The search templates were created to better identify the field of search, search tools, and search methodologies which should be considered each time an invention related to a particular USPC is searched. The USPTO published a notice requesting comments on the proposed elimination of the search templates on October 30, 2013. *See Request for Comments on Proposed Elimination of Patents Search Templates*, 210 FR 64925 (October 30, 2013). In response, the Office received only one comment; it asserted the usefulness of the search templates in illustrating the scope of patent examination searches.

The search templates, however, are currently out-of-date since they include, for example, outdated commercial database vendor information that could be misleading for external stakeholders. Updating the search templates would require the editing of over 1200 pages and would not be an efficient use of USPTO resources, given that the templates are rarely used by the public.

Also, the search templates are indexed under USPC, which is being phased out in favor of CPC. CPC is an internationally compatible classification system that was launched in January 2013. CPC is a detailed, dynamic classification system that is based on IPC and enables patent examiners and the public to efficiently conduct thorough patent searches. As a result of the implementation of CPC, the search templates will become obsolete. CPC

was jointly developed with the EPO and incorporates the best classification practices of both the U.S. and European systems. The USPTO and the EPO also believe that CPC will enhance efficiency and support work sharing initiatives with a view to reducing unnecessary duplication of work, thereby leading to enhanced patent quality and timelier examination of pending applications. Initial feedback from stakeholders confirms that the transition to CPC is a positive development. More information about CPC can be found at <http://www.cooperativepatentclassification.org>.

Due to the factors discussed above, the Office is removing the search templates from the USPTO Web site and any references to the search templates in USPTO documentation (for example, in the Accelerated Examination FAQs) will be updated to reflect the elimination of the search templates.

Dated: May 15, 2014.

**Michelle K. Lee,**

*Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038-0026—Gross Collection of Exchange-Set Margins for Omnibus Accounts

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments, as described below, on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) titled: Gross Collection of Exchange-Set Margins for Omnibus Accounts; OMB Control Number 3038-0026.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 3038-0026, regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Web site, via its Comments Online process:* <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

- *Mail:* Mark Bretscher, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 525 W. Monroe, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60661.

- *Hand delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail, above.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Bretscher, (312) 596-0529; FAX: (312) 596-0711; email: [mbretscher@cftc.gov](mailto:mbretscher@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;

- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **Gross Collection of Exchange-Set Margins for Omnibus Accounts, OMB Control Number 3038-0026—Extension**

*Burden Statement:* Commission Regulation 1.58 requires that FCMs margin omnibus accounts on a gross, rather than a net, basis. The regulation provides that the carrying FCM need not collect margin for positions traded by a person through an omnibus account in excess of the amount that would be required if the same person, instead of trading through an omnibus account, maintained its own account with the carrying FCM.

The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

- Estimated number of respondents: 66.
- Reports annually by each respondent: 4.
- Total annual responses: 264.
- Estimated average number of hours per response: .08.
- Annual reporting burden: 22.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

This estimate is based on the number of written records maintained in the last three years. Although the burden varies, such records may involve analytical work and analysis, as well as multiple levels of review.

Dated: May 16, 2014.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**  
*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

#### **Meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open Advisory Board meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board ("EAB"). This meeting will be open to the public. For more information about the EAB, please visit <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalAdvisoryBoard.aspx>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, June 12, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Gridley Conference Room, New England District, US Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742. Room changes or delays will be posted to the EAB's Web site if time allows.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John C. Furry, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board, Room 3-I-23, 441 G Street NW., Washington DC 20314-1000. Email: [john.c.furry@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.c.furry@usace.army.mil). Desk Phone: (202) 761-5875. Mobile Phone: (202) 450-8958.

Media or other persons interested in photographing or taping the meeting should first contact Mr. Bill Hubbard at 978-318-8552 no later than five working days prior to the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the

Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting and Agenda:* The Board will advise the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems and opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner. Discussions among board members and presentations will include issues related to dam release management and its sustainable downstream ecosystem effects, procedures for small private dam removal, basin-wide operations planning, outreach for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) students, long-term infrastructure management, and developing effective partnerships with federal, state, tribal, and local stakeholders. The Board will also briefly discuss recent site visits and completed letter reports. Following Board discussions and presentations there will be a public comment period.

*Public Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting will be open to the public. The building and meeting room are accessible to persons with disabilities. Security screening is required. Anyone attending the meeting must enter and exit at the front gate. Guards at the gate will direct attendees to the conference area. Attendees must present a valid form of government issued photo identification (*e.g.*, drivers license, state issued photo ID, or passport), and pass through the security screening station. Wheelchair access is available at the main building entrance. All visitors must be escorted by an employee of the Corps of Engineers while in the building. Escorts will be located in the building security screening area. Attendees need to arrive in time to complete the security screening and arrive at the meeting room before 8:15 a.m. Seating will be limited and on a first-come basis. Free parking is available onsite.

*Written Comments:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the EAB in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or the EAB's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. John Furry, the EAB's DFO, via electronic mail or the U.S. Postal Service, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.