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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Data Confidentiality Provisions:** The confidentiality of Close Calls data is protected under the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 111(k)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2002 (Public Law 107-347, Title V). In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical and non-identifying data will be made publicly available through reports. Further, BTS will not release to FRA or any other public or private entity any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in close call reports.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. The Data Collection**

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR Part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to continue an information collection activity. BTS is seeking OMB approval for the following BTS information collection activity:

**Title:** Confidential Close Call Reporting System.

**OMB Control Number:** 2139-0010.

**Type of Review:** Approval to continue to collect new information: Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS).

**Respondents:** Employees of selected (pilot) railroad sites.

**Number of Respondents:** 3,100 (per annum).

**Estimated Time per Response:** 0.50 hours.

**Frequency:** Intermittent for approximately two (2) years. (Reports are submitted when there is a qualifying event, *i.e.* a close call occurs within a pilot site. The frequency of such an event is estimated to be two per day.)

**Total Annual Burden:** 365.00 hours.

**II. Background**

Collecting data on the nation's transportation system is an important

component of BTS' mission and responsibility to the transportation community as stated in its authorizing statute (49 U.S.C. 6302). BTS and FRA share a common interest in promoting rail safety based on better data. To that end, FRA's Office of Safety is sponsoring the Confidential Close Call Reporting System (C<sup>3</sup>RS) Demonstration Project to investigate the effectiveness of such a data collection system in improving rail safety. The data collection phase of this study was initiated in February, 2007 and is scheduled to continue for approximately 2 more years.

A close call represents a situation in which an ongoing sequence of events was stopped from developing further, preventing the occurrence of potentially serious safety-related consequences. This might include the following: (1) Events that happen frequently, but have low safety consequences; (2) events that happen infrequently but have the potential for high consequences (e.g., a train in dark territory proceeds beyond its authority); (3) events that are below the FRA reporting threshold (e.g., an event that causes a minor injury); and (4) events that are reportable to FRA but have the potential for a far greater accident than the one reported (e.g., a slow speed collision with minor damage to the equipment and no injuries.)

Employees involved in reporting a close call incident will be asked to fill out a report and participate in a brief, confidential interview. Employees will have the option to mail or submit the report electronically to BTS. Participants will be asked to provide information such as: (1) Name and contact information; (2) time and location of the event; (3) a short description of the event; (4) contributing factors to the close call; and (5) any other information that might be useful in determining a root cause of such event.

BTS collects close call reports submitted by railroad employees and protects the confidentiality of these data through its own statute (49 U.S.C. 6302(i)) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). In addition, BTS is developing an analytical database containing the reported data and other pertinent information to determine root causes of frequently reported close calls. The database is a valuable tool to railroad carriers and the FRA in their effort to identify safety issues and provide corrective measures before an accident occurs.

Voluntary reporting of close calls to a confidential system can provide a tool

to identify and correct weaknesses in railroad safety systems before an accident actually occurs. The C<sup>3</sup>RS demonstration project offers a voluntary, cooperative, non-punitive environment to communicate safety concerns. Through the analysis of close calls the FRA and the railroad community receive information about factors that may contribute to unsafe events and the error recovery mechanisms that prevented an adverse consequence from occurring. Such information is used to develop new training programs, identify root causes of potentially adverse events, assess risk and allocate resources to address those risks more efficiently. In addition, the database provides rail safety researchers with valuable information regarding precursors to safety risks and contributes to research and development of intervention programs aimed at preventing accidents and fatalities.

**III. Request for Comments**

BTS requests comments on any aspects of these information collections, including: (1) The accuracy of the estimated burden of 365 hours detailed in Section I; (2) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (3) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the information collected, including additional use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of the Comptroller of the Currency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Information Collection Renewal; Submission for OMB Review; Disclosure of Financial and Other Information by National Banks**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, 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 a continuing information

collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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.

In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

The OCC is soliciting comment concerning renewal of its information collection titled, "Disclosure of Financial and Other Information by National Banks." The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the collection to OMB for review.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 10, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the OCC is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email if possible. Comments may be sent to: Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557-0182, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E-218, Mail Stop 9W-11, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (571) 465-4326 or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 649-6700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Additionally, please send a copy of your comments by mail to: OCC Desk Officer, 1557-0182, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by email to: [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request additional information or a

copy of the collection from Johnny Vilela or Mary H. Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officers, (202) 649-5490, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E-218, Mail Stop 9W-11, Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, the OCC has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

**Title:** Disclosure of Financial and Other Information by National Banks (12 CFR 18).

**OMB Control No.:** 1557-0182.

**Type of Review:** Extension, without revision, of a currently approved collection.

**Description:** The collections of information are found in 12 CFR 18.3, 18.4, and 18.8. Section 18.3 requires the preparation of an annual disclosure statement and specifies how it must be made available to shareholders. Section 18.4 outlines what information the disclosure statement must contain, and provides that a bank may supplement its annual disclosure statement with an optional narrative. Lastly, § 18.8 requires that a national bank promptly furnish its annual disclosure statement upon request.

This program of periodic financial disclosure is needed not only to facilitate informed decision making by existing and potential customers and investors, but also to improve public understanding of, and confidence in, the financial condition of individual national banks and the national banking system. Further, financial disclosure reduces the likelihood that the market will overreact to incomplete information.

**Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit.

**Burden Estimates:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,338.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 1,338.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 669 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Comments:** The OCC published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on February 17, 2013. (78 FR 13400). No comments were received.

Comments continue to be invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the OCC, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the information collection burden;

(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 start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of Amendment to System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records currently entitled "Health Professional Scholarship Program—VA" (73VA14) as set forth in the **Federal Register** 74 FR 62390. VA is amending the system of records by revising the System Name, System Location, Categories of Individuals Covered by the System, Categories of Records in the System, Authority for Maintenance, Purpose, Storage, Retrievability, Safeguards, System Manager(s) and Address, Notification Procedure, Record Access Procedure, and Records Source Category. VA is republishing the system notice in its entirety.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the proposed new system of records may be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov); by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment. In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online