

Enforcement Network (FinCEN), which has been delegated the authority to administer the BSA, joined with the bank regulators in 1996 in requiring, on a consolidated form (*i.e.*, SAR), reports of suspicious transactions. *See*, 31 CFR 1020.320(a) (formerly 31 CFR 103.18(a)). The filing of SARs is necessary to prevent and detect crimes involving depository institution funds, institution insiders, criminal transactions, and money laundering. These requirements are necessary to ensure institution safety and soundness. National banks and Federal savings associations 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. FinCEN and the Federal financial institution supervisory agencies¹ adopted the SAR form to simplify the process through which depository institutions inform their regulators and law enforcement about suspected criminal activity.²

Procedures for Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act Compliance: Under 12 CFR 21.21, national banks and Federal savings associations are required to develop and provide for the continued administration of a program reasonably designed to assure and monitor their compliance with the BSA and applicable Treasury regulations. The compliance program must be in writing, approved by the board of directors, and reflected in the minutes of the national bank or Federal savings association. These requirements are necessary to ensure institution compliance with the BSA and applicable Treasury regulations.

Estimated Burden:

Estimated Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,036.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,266,791 hours.

¹ The Federal financial institution supervisory agencies are the OCC, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). The Office of Thrift Supervision, which was in existence at the time the SAR was adopted, was merged into the OCC in 2011.

² The OCC estimates one hour of burden per SAR filed in recognition of the fact that most SARs are also required by FinCEN's SAR regulations and are accordingly already covered under the burden estimates for those regulations. The OCC's estimates are based on the number of SARs filed by OCC-regulated depository institutions in the most recent 12-month period, as reported in FinCEN's published SAR statistics, available at <https://www.fincen.gov/reports/sar-stats>.

Comments: On February 20, 2025, the OCC published a 60-day notice for this information collection, (90 FR 10036). The OCC received one comment, which recommended broader reforms to increase the effectiveness of compliance efforts but did not specifically object to the estimates in or justification for this information collection.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Prohibition on Funding of Unlawful Internet Gambling

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8100, Washington, DC 20220, or email at PRA@treasury.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be

obtained from Spencer W. Clark by emailing PRA@treasury.gov, calling (202) 927-5331, or viewing the entire information collection request at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Prohibition on Funding of Unlawful Internet Gambling.

OMB Control Number: 1505-0204.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Description: The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 (Act) (enacted as Title VIII of the Security and Accountability For Every Port Act of 2006, Pub. L. 109-347, 120 Stat. 1884, and codified at 31 U.S.C. 5361-5367) required the Secretary of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), in consultation with the Attorney General, to prescribe regulations requiring designated payment systems and all participants therein to prevent or prohibit unlawful internet gambling transactions (referred to in the Act as "restricted transactions") through the establishment of reasonably designed policies and procedures. 31 U.S.C. 5364(a).

To carry out the Act, the Treasury's Departmental Offices and the Board, after consulting with the Justice Department, published a final rule on November 18, 2008 in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 69382) requiring designated payment systems and all participants therein (referred to collectively in the final rule as "participants in designated payment systems") to establish and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent or prohibit restricted transactions.

Form: None.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,038.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 6,038.

Estimated Time per Response: 100 hours to establish new written policies and procedures. 8 hours to maintain them once established.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 48,604.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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 technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Availability of Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Build-To-Suit Lease Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Build-to-Suit Lease Program. The Draft PEA analyzes lease actions which include construction, renovation, repair, and operation of outpatient clinics, community living centers, and other similar leased medical facilities identified under the VA Office of Real Property build-to-suit program. VA is requesting comments on the Draft PEA.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 29, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Draft PEA is available for review via the VA website: <https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/>. Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov. Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at www.regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection, or copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post the comments received before the close of the comment period on www.regulations.gov as soon as possible after they have been received. VA will not post on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest

that the commenter will take actions to harm an individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments; however, we will post comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments. Any public comment received after the comment period's closing date is considered late and will not be considered.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VA Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Office of Real Property supports VA's mission by, among other functions, leasing space for the construction of medical and medically related facilities to care for our nation's Veterans.

VA has prepared the Draft PEA in accordance with the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA's NEPA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR part 26). The purpose of the proposed action is to provide eligible Veterans common medical services, assisted living care, and related services. The proposed action is needed to address current and future projected health care gaps and operational inefficiencies, especially in rural areas where access to common medical services offered by Veterans Affairs Medical Centers is not an easily accessible option.

The PEA aims to provide a streamlined NEPA compliance process for those recurring, predictable, and low-impact construction, renovation, or repair projects that would result in less than significant impacts. Use of the PEA would expedite the NEPA analysis and documentation process for those build-to-suit lease projects that meet the conditions identified within the PEA. VA will complete additional NEPA compliance as required on projects outside the parameters of the PEA. The geographic scope of the PEA is all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Tribal Lands.

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on March 11, 2025, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustments

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) in certain benefit rates. These COLAs affect the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program. The amount of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2024, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 2.5%.

DATES: The increases in amounts became effective December 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Holovacs, Management and Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 632-8863. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024 (Pub. L. 118-130), VA is required to increase, effective December 1, 2024, the benefit rates of DIC programs by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. VA is required to publish notice of the increased rates in the **Federal Register**.

SSA has announced a 2.5% COLA increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2024. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following increased rates for the DIC program became effective December 1, 2024: