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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[Form 990-BL, Form 6069]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 990-BL, Schedule A

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 990-BL, Information and Initial Excise Tax Return for Black Lung Benefit Trusts and Certain Related Persons, Schedule A (Form 990-BL), Initial Excise Taxes on Black Lung Benefit Trusts and Certain Related Persons Under sections 4951 and 4952 of the Internal Revenue Code, and Form 6069, Return of Excise Tax on Excess Contributions to Black Lung Benefit Trust Under Section 4953 and Computation of Section 192 Deduction.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 30, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Form 990-BL, Information and Initial Excise Tax Return for Black Lung Benefit Trusts and Certain Related Persons, Schedule A (Form 990-BL), Initial Excise Taxes on Black Lung Benefit Trusts and Certain Related Persons Under sections 4951 and 4952

of the Internal Revenue Code, and Form 6069, Return of Excise Tax on Excess Contributions to Black Lung Benefit Trust Under Section 4953 and Computation of Section 192 Deduction.
OMB Number: 1545-0049.
Form Number: Form 990-BL, Schedule A (Form 990-BL) and Form 6069.

Abstract: IRS uses Form 990-BL to monitor activities of black lung benefit trusts, and to collect excise taxes on these trusts and certain related persons if they engage in proscribed activities. The tax is figured on Schedule A and attached to Form 990-BL. Form 6069 is used by coal mine operators to figure the maximum deduction to a black lung trust. If excess contributions are made, IRS uses the form to figure and collect the tax on excess contributions.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to these forms.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 25 hrs., 56 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 700.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: July 19, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 730

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 730, Tax on Wagering.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 30, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tax on Wagering.

OMB Number: 1545-0235.

Form Number: 730.

Abstract: Form 730 is used to identify taxable wagers under Internal Revenue Code section 4401 and collect the tax monthly. The information is used to determine if persons accepting wagers are correctly reporting the amount of wagers and paying the required tax.

Current Actions: The form is revised to show the new filing address at the Internal Revenue Service Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, for all returns filed beginning January 1, 1997. The form is enlarged to an 8.5x11 inch cut sheet. Line 4c, a total line for the tax reported on lines 4a and 4b, was added. The addition of line 4c will simplify the tax computation for taxpayers.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,150.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 84 hr., 35 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 351,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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 this 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.

Approved: July 19, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the information collections entitled "Application for Permission to Organize a Federal Association," "Branch Offices," "Application for Conversion from State Chartered Institution to Federally Chartered Institution," "Change of Control Notices," and "Trust Powers Application."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 30, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Manager, Dissemination Branch, Records Management and Information Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 15500. These submissions may be hand delivered to 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on business days; they may be sent by facsimile transmission to FAX Number (202) 906-7755. Comments over 25 pages in length should be sent to FAX Number (202) 906-6956. Comments will be available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days.

Copies of the Form(s) with instructions are available for inspection at 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on business days or from PubliFax, OTS' Fax-on-Demand system, at (202) 906-5660.

Requests for additional information should be directed to Pamela Schaar, Corporate Activities Division, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-7205.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Schaar, Corporate Activities Division, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-7205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Permission to Organize a Federal Association.

OMB Number: 1550-0005.

FORM NUMBER: OTS Forms 138, 138E, 138F, 1393, and 1606.

ABSTRACT: The information provided to OTS on Forms 138, 138E, 138F, 1393, and 1606 is evaluated by the OTS staff to determine whether requests by groups requesting permission to organize a new Federal association

comply with applicable Federal laws, OTS regulations and policy.

Current Actions: OTS is proposing to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Business or for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 110 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 330 hours.

Title: Branch Offices.

OMB Number: 1550-0006.

Form Number: OTS Form 1450.

Abstract: 12 CFR 545.92 requires

Federally-chartered institutions proposing to establish a branch office or to change the location of a branch office to file an application or notice with the OTS. Section 228 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act requires insured thrifts to adopt a policy with respect to branch closings and to provide notice to OTS of any decisions to close a branch office.

Current Actions: OTS is proposing to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Business or for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,248.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1.4 hours average.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,747 hours.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 1,421.

Estimated Annual Burden Per Recordkeeper: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 11,368 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,115 hours.

Title: Application for Conversion from State-Chartered to Federally Chartered Institution.

OMB Number: 1550-0007.

Form Number: OTS Form 1582.

Abstract: Section 5(i) of the Home Owners' Loan Act and 12 CFR 543.8 and 552.2 required that OTS act on requests by state chartered institution to convert to Federal charter. OTS forms 159-E and 159-F are used to evaluate the whether the conversion application satisfies the appropriate eligibility requirements for a Federal Charter and whether the institutions will operate in accordance with OTS regulations and policies subsequent to the conversion.

Current Actions: OTS is proposing to renew this information collection without revision.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Business or For Profit.