

Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Manual: Lakes and Reservoirs, First Edition is the first of a series of waterbody-type specific manuals produced to assist EPA Regions, States, and Tribes in establishing ecoregionally appropriate nutrient criteria. EPA is also developing manuals for rivers and streams, estuarine and coastal waters, and wetlands. EPA expects States and Tribes to use these manuals as the basis for developing State water quality standards for nutrients, to help identify water quality impairments, and to evaluate the relative success in reducing cultural eutrophication. In addition to developing these waterbody-type specific manuals, EPA is developing nutrient criteria guidance under section 304(a) for each of the 14 ecoregions it has identified in the continental United States. EPA expects States and Tribes to use the manuals, other information and local expertise to refine EPA's 304(a) nutrient criteria guidance so that the nutrient water quality criteria eventually adopted by States and Tribes are tailored to more localized conditions. In order to assist States and Tribes in this undertaking, as well as to verify section 304 (a) nutrient criteria guidance, and to provide national consistency wherever possible, EPA has established Regional Technical Assistance Groups (RTAGs). RTAGs are a collection of EPA, State, Tribal representatives who are working together to take EPA's forthcoming section 304(a) nutrient criteria guidance as a starting point to develop more refined ecoregional nutrient criteria. (EPA is also using data and expertise provided by the RTAGs in the development of its section 304(a) nutrient criteria guidance for the 14 ecoregions it has identified.) EPA expects the RTAGs to use the processes set forth in the waterbody-type specific manuals to develop recommended nutrient criteria on an ecoregional basis or a more refined basis (such as subecoregion, State or Tribe-level, more defined class of lakes/reservoirs). Today's manual for lakes and reservoirs also explains how States or Tribes can adopt nutrient water quality standards based on the ecoregional criteria values recommended by the EPA and/or RTAGs.

The key parameters addressed in Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Manual: Lakes and Reservoirs, First Edition are total phosphorus, total nitrogen, chlorophyll a, and Secchi depth. As set forth in the manual, the elements that EPA expects States and Tribes to consider in developing a nutrient criterion are:

- (1) Historical data and other information to establish perspective;
- (2) Current reference site information;
- (3) Models used to simulate or validate the empirical relationships established between causal (nutrients) and response (biological indicators) variables; and
- (4) Evaluation of downstream consequences before finalizing criteria values.

EPA also expects the States or Tribes (or the RTAG when developing criteria guidance) to use their best professional judgement when examining the information and establishing criteria.

EPA expects the criteria development and implementation process (undertaken by EPA, the RTAGs and others) to proceed as follows:

- Data acquisition and review, as well as additional data gathering and processing methods.
- Classification of the lakes and reservoirs by physical characteristics.
- Reference site selection and data reduction to identify reference conditions.
- Development of defensible nutrient criteria, verified by an RTAG and evaluated for potential downstream effects.
- Adoption of nutrient criteria by States and Tribes into their water quality. Standards, ideally taking into account the reference condition data and designated uses.
- Implementation of EPA-approved nutrient criteria by EPA, States, and Tribes to identify areas of water quality impairment due to nutrients and to respond appropriately.

These subjects are described in detail in the Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Manual: Lakes and Reservoirs, First Edition.

The manual concludes with chapters describing data models and management options that actively protect or restore lake and reservoir resources. Case histories illustrating nutrient criteria development experiences are appended with the names of individual specialists to contact for more information.

The Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Document: Lakes and Reservoirs, First Edition that is being announced in this Notice was developed after consideration of public comment and peer review. A draft Technical Guidance Manual: Lakes and Reservoirs was placed on the EPA Nutrient website (<http://www.EPA.gov/OST/standards/nutrient.html>) on September 8, 1999, and EPA accepted correspondences and comments until November 16, 1999. In addition, a peer review of the proposed criteria

document was conducted by a panel of five external reviewers.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection system described below.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Title: Notices Required of Government Securities Dealers or Brokers (Insured State Nonmember Banks).

OMB Number: 3064-0093.

Form Number: G-FIN, G-FINW, G-FIN-4, G-FIN-5

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 110.

Estimated time per response: 1 hour.

Average annual burden hours: 110 hours.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: July 31, 2000.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

FDIC Contact: Tamara R. Manly, (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room F-4058, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

Comments: Comments on this collection of information are welcome and should be submitted on or before June 22, 2000 to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed above.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collection of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Government Securities Act of 1986 requires all financial institutions acting as government securities brokers and dealers to notify their federal regulatory agencies of their broker-dealer activities, unless exempted from the notice requirement by Treasury department regulation.

Dated: May 18, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection system described below.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Title: Notification of Changes in Insured Status.

OMB Number: 3064-0124.

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 943.

Estimated time per response: ¼ hour.

Average annual burden hours: 236 hours.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: June 30, 2000.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

FDIC Contact: Tamara R. Manly, (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room F-4058, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

Comments: Comments on this collection of information are welcome and should be submitted on or before June 22, 2000 to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed above.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collection of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 12 U.S.C. 1818(q) requires an insured depository institution to provide the FDIC with a certification when it partially or completely assumes deposit liabilities from another insured depository institution.

Dated: May 18, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection system described below.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Title: Securities of Insured Nonmember Banks.

OMB Number: 3064-0030.

Form Number: F-7, F-8, F-8A.

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 2,952.

Estimated time per response: 0.635 hours.

Average annual burden hours: 1,875 hours.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: July 31, 2000.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

FDIC Contact: Tamara R. Manly, (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room F-4058, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

Comments: Comments on this collection of information are welcome and should be submitted on or before June 22, 2000 to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed above.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collection of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information is collected from FDIC-supervised banks and from officers, directors and shareholders subject to the securities registration requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The information is considered necessary for actual and potential investors making investment decisions concerning securities issued by reporting banks.

Dated: May 18, 2000.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained