

particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are facilities that manufacture chlorine and/or chlorinated hydrocarbon products.

Title: Draft Questionnaire for the Chlorine and Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Point Source Categories.

ICR number: EPA ICR No. 2214.01, OMB Control No. 2006-OW-NEW.

ICR status: This ICR is for a new information collection activity. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers associated with EPA's regulations found in title 40 of the CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9. Upon OMB approval, control numbers are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable.

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a census of facilities that manufacture chlorine and/or certain chlorinated hydrocarbons (CCH) as part of its effort to review the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for these operations. EPA is considering revision

of the Organic Chemicals, Plastics and Synthetic Fibers Point Source Category regulations at 40 CFR part 414 for facilities that manufacture ethylene dichloride, vinyl chloride monomer, polyvinyl chloride and other chlorinated hydrocarbons. EPA is also considering revision of the Inorganic Chemicals Point Source Category regulations at 40 CFR part 415 for facilities that manufacture chlorine as well as chlorine manufacturers not regulated under 40 CFR part 415. The questionnaire seeks information on (1) technical data, including general facility information, manufacturing process information, wastewater treatment and characterization information, and information on sampling data; and (2) financial and economic data, including ownership information, facility/company information, and corporate parent financial information. The technical data will be used to determine the industry production rates, water use for processes, rates of wastewater generation, pollution prevention, and the practices of wastewater management, treatment, and disposal. The financial and economic data will be used to characterize the economic status of the industry and to estimate the possible economic impacts of wastewater regulations. This questionnaire will be sent to all identified facilities engaged in CCH production. Completion of this one-time questionnaire will be mandatory pursuant to section 308 of the Clean Water Act.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 200 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR will provide a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 66.

Frequency of response: One-time.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 13,200 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$441,240. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$437,370 and an estimated cost of \$3,870 for operational costs.

What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the questionnaire as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

Ephraim S. King,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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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 from the National Information Center Web site at <http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/>.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than May 15, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Michael E. Collins, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105-1521:

1. *Royal Bancshares of Pennsylvania, Inc.*, Narberth, Pennsylvania; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Royal Asian Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Andre Anderson, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *Hometown of Homestead, Inc.*, Fort Pierce, Florida; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First of Homestead, Inc., Homestead, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of 1st National Bank of South Florida, Homestead, Florida.

2. *Hometown Banking Company, Inc.*, Fort Pierce, Florida, and related parties; to become a bank holding company by acquiring up to 50 percent of the voting shares of Hometown of Homestead, Inc., Ft. Pierce, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of 1st National Bank of South Florida, Homestead, Florida.

3. *The Prosperity Banking Company*, Saint Augustine, Florida, and related parties; to become a bank holding company by acquiring up to 50 percent of the voting shares of Hometown of Homestead, Inc., Fort Pierce, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of 1st National Bank of South Florida, Homestead, Florida.

4. *Riverside Gulf Coast Banking Company*, Cape Coral, Florida, and related parties; to become a bank holding company by acquiring up to 50 percent of the voting shares of Hometown of Homestead, Inc., Fort Pierce, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of 1st National Bank of South Florida, Homestead, Florida.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 13, 2006.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that a meeting has been scheduled for the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on May 10, 2006 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry A. Holmberg, PhD, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Room 250, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 453-8809, FAX (240) 453-8456, e-mail jholmberg@osophs.dhhs.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACBSA will meet to review progress and solicit additional input regarding numerous recommendations made during the past year. Additionally, the Committee will discuss the elements for a strategic plan for blood safety and availability in the 21st Century. Vigilance is recognized as a necessary first step toward the goal of reducing the risk of transfusion-transmitted diseases as well as disease transmission through other vital products such as bone marrow, progenitor cells, tissues, and organs. Elements necessary for vigilant surveillance, detection, research, education, and management of emerging or re-emerging infectious and non-infectious events of transfusion will be discussed and drafted into a proposed plan.

The public is invited to present comments to the Committee on Tuesday, May 9, 2006. The comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Anyone planning to comment is encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary at his/her earliest convenience. Those who wish to have printed material distributed to advisory committee members should submit the material to the Executive Secretary prior to close of business May 5, 2006. Likewise, those who wish to utilize

electronic data projection to make presentations to the Committee must submit their materials to the Executive Secretary prior to close of business May 5, 2006.

Dated: April 12, 2006.

Jerry A. Holmberg,

Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation Medicaid Program; Meeting of the Medicaid Commission—May 17-18, 2006

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation (ASPE), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Medicaid Commission. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). The Medicaid Commission will advise the Secretary on ways to modernize the Medicaid program so that it can provide high-quality health care to its beneficiaries in a financially sustainable way.

DATES: *The Meeting:* May 17-18, 2006. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on May 17, and 8:30 a.m. on May 18.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Medicaid Commission by May 5, 2006 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES: *The Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the following address: Embassy Suites Hotel—DFW Airport South, 4650 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062, United States, telephone: 1 (972) 790-0093, fax: 1 (972) 790-4768.

Web site: You may access up-to-date information on the Medicaid Commission at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/medicaid/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Reiser, (202) 205-8255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 24, 2005, we published a notice (70 FR 29765) announcing the Medicaid Commission and requesting nominations for individuals to serve on the Medicaid Commission. This notice announces a public meeting of the Medicaid Commission.