

number involved and must be received on or before November 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS Docket Number FAA-2004-18931 by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Linsenmeyer (202) 267-5174 or Susan Lender (202) 267-8029, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Anthony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2004-18931.

Petitioner: Air Repair, Inc.

Sections of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 45.29(b)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To allow the petitioner to install registration marks on an AR-9 aircraft (N60537) which are smaller than those required by the regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2004-81]

Petitions for Exemption; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: SUMMARY:

Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption, part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains the dispositions of certain petitions previously received. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Annette Kovite, (425-227-1262), Transport Airplane Directorate (ANM-113), Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Ave SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; or John Linsenmeyer (202-267-5174), Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: FAA-2003-16211.

Petitioner: AvCraft Aerospace GmbH.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR 25.1309(c).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit operators of the Dornier Model 328-300 aircraft to use Reduced Thrust Takeoff Operations (RTTO) with an indication system that exhibits certain inconsistent flight phase indications in the event of an engine failure below 1000 ft.

Time Limited Partial Grant of Exemption, 02/04/2004, Exemption No. 8237

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2004-78]

Petitions for Exemption; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The FAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2004, containing a summary of certain dispositions of certain petitions previously received. This document makes a correction to a docket number assigned to Helicorp, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Adams, telephone (202) 267-8033.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This correction is effective on October 28, 2004.

Correction

In the notice, FR Doc. 04-23256, published on October 18, 2004 (69 FR 61431) on page 61432, in the third column, on the first line, correct the Docket Number from "FAA-2002-17147" to read "FAA-2002-14147."

Issued in Washington, DC on October 22, 2004.

Anthony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-04-19408]

Pipeline Safety: Public Meetings on Pipeline Safety Issues

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice; four public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is sponsoring four public meetings on the following pipeline safety topics: *Enhancing Integrity Management of Gas Distribution Pipelines; Communicating with the Public; Updates on Pipeline Drug and Alcohol Program; and Updates on Pipeline Operator Qualification Program Implementation and Standards Development.* The meetings will be held on December 14, 16, and 17, 2004, in Washington, DC.

These meetings will provide detailed review and discussion on the above topics and will provide the public an opportunity to give comments.

ADDRESSES: The meetings are open to all. There is no cost to attend. The meetings will be held at the Marriott Washington, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC. The phone number for Marriott reservations is 1-800-228-9290. Reservations by attendees must be received on or before November 22. Priority is given to members of the pipeline safety advisory committees and State pipeline safety representatives for the block of rooms reserved for the Department of Transportation. Any additional information or changes will be posted on the OPS Web page approximately 15 days before the meeting date at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

DATES: The public meetings will be held Tuesday, December 14, Thursday, December 16, and Friday, December 17, 2004. Meetings of the pipeline safety advisory committees are scheduled for December 14 and 15. A separate notice has been prepared for the Committee meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel, RSPA/OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, RSPA/OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Jean Milam at (202) 493-0967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

RSPA/OPS invites public participation in four public meetings to be held as follows:

1. Tuesday, December 14—1 p.m. to 5 p.m.—*Communicating with the Public*.
2. Thursday, December 16—8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.—*Enhancing Integrity Management of Gas Distribution Pipelines*.
3. Thursday, December 16—4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—*Updates on Pipeline Drug and Alcohol Program*.
4. Friday, December 17—8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—*Updates on Operator Qualification Program Implementation and Standards Development*.

1. Public Meeting: Communicating With the Public

RSPA/OPS will hold a public meeting on *Communicating with the Public* from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14.

Incorporating API RP 1162

On June 24, 2004, RSPA/OPS published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 35279) to require all pipeline operators to develop and implement public communications programs. The proposed rule requires that these programs be based on the provisions of a recently completed national consensus standard, API Recommended Practice (RP) 1162, *Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators*. RSPA/OPS worked with its State partners and the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) in developing the proposed rule.

At the public meeting on December 14 RSPA/OPS will discuss its analysis of comments received in response to the NPRM. These comments are accessible in Docket No. RSPA-03-15852 on the DOT Dockets Management System (DMS) Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Numerous comments to the docket on the proposed NPRM raised questions relating to the regulator's use of language in consensus standards that employ the words "should" and "shall". RSPA/OPS intends to lay out its position on this pivotal issue and the history behind its many previous regulatory actions incorporating national consensus standards. In short, national consensus standards provide a clear consensus on what prudent operators would do to manage the aspect of their business governed by the final standard. Any use of the word "shall" means exactly that—the operator shall do as prescribed in the standard. Any use of the word "should" places an onus on any operator who deviates from the standard to document and prove the effectiveness of its alternative actions taken to comply with related provisions of the standard. This interpretation of "should" enables operators to innovate and seek efficiencies—as long as they can demonstrate that their alternative is at least as effective as the action required by the standard incorporated by reference. This matter will be discussed in detail in the public meeting.

RSPA/OPS will also discuss and solicit comments on its plans to meet its statutory responsibility to review the communications programs of pipeline operators. The United States Senate Appropriations Committee has proposed a budget increase to fund a central review clearinghouse, but that model is contingent on availability of financial resources. Other models for review of communications plans will also be discussed at the public meeting.

Crisis Communication

RSPA/OPS will also discuss "crisis communications" procedures used by pipeline operators and government. RSPA/OPS and the pipeline industry agree that all parties involved in pipeline safety should be prepared to adequately respond to a crisis and communicate with the public and other audiences as the crisis unfolds. To promote certain expectations in crisis management performance, the pipeline industry and RSPA/OPS first need to understand current industry and government practices for crisis communications management. This assessment will include Federal, State and local regulators, emergency responders, the public, the media, elected officials, industry organizations and their entities. The specific focus of this assessment is to identify and evaluate current practices for emergency response communications among the identified target groups. This initial assessment will yield the procedures and materials necessary to conduct a case study assessing a pipeline operator's ability to manage crisis communications during a critical event.

Information Grants to Communities

A brief discussion will be held to provide an update on how RSPA/OPS is addressing the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act (PSIA) provisions on this subject.

2. Public Meeting: Enhancing Integrity Management of Gas Distribution Pipelines

RSPA/OPS will hold a public meeting on *Enhancing Integrity Management of Gas Distribution Pipelines*, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 16. The nature of the specific efforts that will be required to develop appropriate guidelines or requirements, and the related milestones, will be determined following the discussions in the public meeting.

The preliminary agenda at this meeting includes briefings on the following topics:

- DOT Inspector General's Report to Congress on Gas Distribution;
- AGF study on Gas Distribution;
- DIGIT (Government & Industry roles);
- NARUC comments on Gas Distribution Safety;
- NAPSR comments on Gas Distribution Safety. This includes a report on State requirements (beyond Federal code) and State program initiatives such as, replacement programs, State gas association initiatives with Public Service Commissions, etc.;

- Differences between Distribution and Transmission regulations;
- Report on Promising Technology (R & D related work on pipeline integrity management);
- Excess Flow Valves; and,
- Panel Discussion on path forward (goals, planning process, work needed, milestones).

Gas Distribution Incidents

Pipeline accidents with significant consequences gathered attention in recent years and prompted pipeline safety program changes. Integrity management rules were promulgated for hazardous liquid pipelines (65 FR 75378; December 1, 2000) and for gas transmission pipelines (68 FR 69778; December 15, 2003). In testimony before the Congress on July 20, 2004, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) reported that the number of incidents reported on distribution systems has consistently exceeded that on transmission systems. And, the number of fatalities and injuries reported on distribution systems has consistently been much higher than for transmission systems. The prevalence of incidents, particularly those with consequences to people, makes it important that some additional attention be paid to distribution pipeline integrity management. RSPA/OPS agrees the safety issues posed by gas distribution pipelines need to be addressed through appropriate integrity management initiatives.

American Gas Foundation Study

The American Gas Foundation (AGF) commissioned a study of trends in distribution pipeline incidents, as part of an effort to help define what additional safety actions may be necessary. The study included a survey of selected operators. The Distribution Infrastructure Government-Industry Team (DIGIT) was formed to consider the AGF study, and other information, in an attempt to jointly define an approach to distribution pipeline integrity management. DIGIT consists of equal numbers of industry and state regulator representatives, including representation from large/small operators and municipal gas distribution pipeline operators. RSPA/OPS participates in the DIGIT meetings as an observer. We expect DIGIT to complete its review of the AGF study by the end of calendar year 2004.

The decisions on what additional integrity management-related requirements would be appropriate for gas distribution systems will be made by Federal and State regulators following completion of a series of activities or investigations initiated separately from the DIGIT effort. RSPA/OPS has developed an action plan for assuring integrity of gas distribution pipelines.

Differences in Gas Distribution Pipeline Systems

Ensuring the integrity of distribution pipeline systems is different from doing so for transmission pipelines because:

- Most pipe in distribution pipeline systems is small diameter and operates at low pressure. Transmission pipelines are generally large diameter and high pressure.
- Distribution pipeline systems are a more complex network, with frequent branching and interconnections. Transmission pipelines generally run for many miles without such connections.
- Distribution pipeline systems include a range of materials, including a significant amount of plastic pipe. Transmission pipelines are generally constructed of steel.
- Distribution pipelines are usually difficult to take out of service for inspection without interrupting gas service to customers. Transmission pipelines often include loop lines and bypasses that allow individual sections of pipe to be removed from service temporarily.
- Distribution pipeline failures tend to occur as leaks. Gas can migrate underground, accumulating in areas remote from the leak so that fires and explosions occur away from the pipeline. Transmission pipelines, because of their high operating pressure, tend to fail by rupture and the consequences occur on the pipeline.
- State pipeline safety regulators regulate most distribution pipeline systems.

Developing Gas Distribution IM Plan

A plan for assuring integrity of gas distribution pipelines must take these differences into account. Expanding integrity management for distribution systems beyond currently required practices requires a thorough understanding of costs and benefits. As in our development of integrity management (IM) requirements for gas

transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines, RSPA/OPS intends to conduct analyses and evaluations to make decisions in the following areas in order to assure that the approach finally developed is effective and not unreasonably burdensome, including:

- Identifying the principal threats to the integrity of distribution pipelines;
- Identifying requirements and practices that currently exist at the State and Federal levels that support management of these threats to integrity;
- Determining whether current requirements are written effectively to create opportunities and incentives for operators to use existing and developing technologies to support management of the integrity of distribution systems;
- Identifying whether opportunities exist for expedited development of new technologies supporting the assessment of gas distribution systems;
- Understanding practices beyond current requirements that are being used by operators and what the results are;
- Understanding whether there are requirements or approaches used by one or more States which are not included in Federal statutes but which have proven effective in managing the integrity of gas distribution systems; and,
- Identifying whether the opportunity exists to codify currently demonstrated effective IM practices in a national consensus standard.

The plan for developing an approach to distribution pipeline integrity management will support RSPA/OPS and State regulators in making these decisions. The result of implementing a plan is not known at the outset. Achieving increased integrity of distribution pipeline systems may involve Federal and/or State rulemaking, development of guidance for adoption by States, publication and promotion of best practices, national consensus standards, other actions, or some combination of these actions.

RSPA/OPS plan includes the elements described in the chart below. The nature of the specific efforts that will be required to develop appropriate guidelines or requirements, and the related milestones, will be determined after consideration of the discussion and comments at the public meeting.

Action	Milestone
Analyze/Evaluate Current Experience, Requirements and Practices • Survey States to identify requirements and programs beyond Federal regulations ○ Regulatory requirements in addition to Federal standards ○ Programs outside of regulations	September 2004.

Action	Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze survey results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop criteria for grouping States (e.g., common practices, similar environmental conditions) ○ Develop "models" of state approaches, by group • Analyze incident/leak performance by state group, identify statistically significant differences • Analyze and update incident/leak performance data nationally • Complete American Gas Foundation (AGF) study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analyze/characterize current safety performance ○ Identify regulatory and data gaps • DIGIT¹ review of AGF study • Determine State Commission practices currently in-place to assess cost/benefit of distribution company initiatives, including cost-recovery approaches. 	<p>October 2004.</p> <p>November 2004. December 2004. December 2004.</p> <p>January 2005. TBD.</p>
Establish Mechanisms for Federal/State Management of the Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference call with NAPS Board • Meeting of State Commissioners, RSPA/OPS, and OIG (optional) • Establish State/Federal oversight team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify industry play role • Increase RSPA/OPS staffing for State program coordination 	<p>October 2004. November 2004. November 2004.</p> <p>2005.</p>
Begin Public Dialog <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a series of Public Meetings • Identify stakeholders interested in this process 	<p>December 16, 2004. TBD.</p>
Conduct Needed Research and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete ongoing research on application of direct assessment in distribution environments • Identify means to focus integrity management • Identify other R&D needs • Collect data needed to fill identified gaps 	<p>TBD. TBD. February 2005. TBD.</p>
Develop and Implement Approach to Assure Distribution Integrity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify technical elements applicable to distribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review current IM rules for applicable elements ○ Consider effect of new actions (e.g., excess flow valves), including cost/benefit of these actions • Identify need for new/revised standards and contact consensus standards organizations concerning new/revised standard. • Select appropriate regulatory approach (not necessarily mutually exclusive) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Model regulations for state adoption ○ Pilot programs ○ Federal standard, possibly including options ○ Guidelines ○ Changes to state grant programs; incentives ○ "Best Practices" • Develop selected approach • Evaluate potential for cost recovery through State Commissions 	<p>TBD.</p> <p>TBD.</p> <p>TBD.</p> <p>TBD.</p> <p>TBD.</p> <p>TBD.</p> <p>TBD.</p>

¹ Distribution Infrastructure Government-Industry Team, a committee consisting of State pipeline regulators and pipeline operators, with RSPA/OPS participating as an observer; formed to help oversee the AGF study.

3. Public Meeting: Updates to Pipeline Drug and Alcohol Program

RSPA/OPS will hold a public meeting on *Updates on Pipeline Drug and Alcohol Program* from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 16.

RSPA is considering a policy change. In 1993, RSPA issued a final rule requiring annual drug testing reports and ultimately concluded, based on industry comments, that "requiring submission of contractor drug testing data by operators would result in major problems such as duplicative reporting and inaccurate data." At that time, RSPA indicated that the issue of collecting contractor testing data would be evaluated in the future. This issue was presented for discussion in a meeting of the technical pipeline safety advisory committees held in February 2004. Since that time, RSPA/OPS has examined statistical data provided by two large pipeline industry consortiums.

A public meeting will be conducted to provide an updated overview on the

issue of collecting contractor testing data. In considering this policy, we need to explore possible methods to achieve this goal. Specifically, we are soliciting suggestions and public comment on collection methodologies that are cost effective and the least burdensome.

4. Public Meeting: Update on Pipeline Operator Qualification Program Implementation and Standards Development

RSPA/OPS will hold a public meeting on *Updates on Pipeline Operator Qualification Program Implementation and Standards Development* from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 17.

The preliminary agenda includes briefings on the following topics:

1. RSPA/OPS OQ Initiatives

- The developmental status of the ASME B31Q standard to address the need for a long term, holistic, technically-based resolution of 13 open items identified by the general public,

the industry and the regulators. The 13 open items include:

1. The Distinction between Maintenance and New Construction;
2. The treatment of emergency response;
3. Incorporation of Additional Covered Tasks (e.g., excavation);
4. Justification of Re-evaluation intervals;
5. Reference to Training;
6. Inspection of the Approaches through which the Operator Expects to Achieve Improvement;
7. Direct observation of Non-Qualified Individuals;
8. Abnormal Operating Conditions;
9. Qualified Person Contribution to Incidents;
10. Acceptable Evaluation Methods (KSAs);
11. Extent of Documentation;
12. Noteworthy Practices; and
13. Acceptance Criteria for Small Operators.

2. RSPA/OPS Inspectional Findings

- What inspectors are discovering from their comprehensive inspections when utilizing the OQ protocol format.

3. RSPA/OPS Congressional Reporting

- What data RSPA/OPS is collecting, tabulating and analyzing for an OQ status and results report to Congress.

Congressional Mandates

The final rule on Pipeline Operator Qualification (OQ) on August 27, 1999 (64 FR 46853), required pipeline operators to ensure that individuals working on gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities have the knowledge and skills to competently perform covered tasks and to be able to recognize and react to abnormal operating conditions that may occur while performing covered tasks.

The Pipeline Safety Improvement Act (PSIA) of 2002 (Public Law 107-355; December 17, 2002), expanded OQ statutory mandates to require pipeline operators to: (1) Establish "appropriate" levels of training and document individual training; (2) establish creditable and rational bases for subsequent evaluations; (3) eliminate performance observation as the sole means of evaluation for requalification (unless authorized by RSPA/OPS); and (4) notify RSPA/OPS when the operator "significantly modifies" an operator OQ plan or evaluation program after it was inspected by an authorized state or Federal pipeline inspector. In addition, Congress required RSPA/OPS to report on the status and results of its OQ initiatives. A public meeting on this matter was held during a joint technical pipeline safety standards committee session on February 4, 2004, in Dulles, Virginia.

Improvements in OQ Program Oversight

RSPA/OPS and State agencies have (1) Developed OQ protocols as standards for inspectors to evaluate program adequacy; (2) conducted and are still conducting comprehensive inspections and data collection on OQ programs; (3) provided more consistent and thorough inspector OQ training; (4) addressed small pipeline operator OQ program issues; (5) worked on national consensus standards committees; and (6) provided Internet-based informational resources for operators and the general public.

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Community Development Financial Institutions Fund****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the "Fund") within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Bank Enterprise Award ("BEA") Program Application.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 27, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Margaret Nilson, BEA Program Manager, at the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, by e-mail to cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov or by facsimile to (202) 622-7754. This is not a toll free number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BEA Program application may be obtained from the BEA page of the Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Margaret Nilson, BEA Program Manager, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or call (202) 622-6355. This is not a toll free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Bank Enterprise Award Program Application.

OMB Number: 1559-0005.

Abstract: The purpose of the BEA Program is to provide an incentive to insured depository institutions to increase their activities in the form of loans, investments, services, and technical assistance, within distressed communities and provide financial assistance to community development financial institutions through grants, stock purchases, loans, deposits, and other forms of financial and technical

assistance. The Fund will make awards through the BEA Program to insured depository institutions, based upon such institutions' completion of certain qualified activities, as reported in the application. The application will solicit information concerning: applicants' eligibility to participate in the BEA Program; the character and quantity (value) of applicants' activities, and the extent to which such activities may be qualified activities; and appropriate supporting documentation. The questions that the application contains, and the information generated thereby, will enable the Fund to evaluate applicants' activities and determine the extent of applicants' eligibility for a BEA Program award.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Insured depository institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 65.

Estimated Annual Time Per Respondent: 15 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 975 hours.

Requests for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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 Fund, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Fund'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 to provide information.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1834a, 4703, 4703 note, 4713, 4717; 31 U.S.C. 321; 12 CFR part 1806.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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