Proposed Rules

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

7 CFR Part 1469

Conservation Security Program

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the summary information to a notice of meetings associated with its Conservation Security Program (CSP) proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on January 14, 2004. This document changes the date that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will accept comments to its proposed rule from March 1, 2004, to March 2, 2004. This change clarifies that the public comment closing date for the CSP proposed rule is March 2, 2004, as published in the **Federal Register** on January 2, 2004.

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Correction

In FR Doc. 04–728, in the issue of January 14, 2004, make the following correction to the **SUMMARY**. On page 2083, in the third column, in the fifth and sixth lines, correct "March 1, 2004" to read "March 2, 2004".

Dated: January 14, 2004.

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Federal Register Liaison, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Chap. I

[Docket No. 004-05]

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Chap. II

[Docket No. R-1180]

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Chap. III

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

12 CFR Chap. V

[No. 2003-67]

Request for Burden Reduction Recommendations; Consumer Protection: Lending-Related Rules; Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 Review

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); and Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of regulatory review; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The OCC, Board, FDIC, and OTS ("we" or "the Agencies") are reviewing our regulations to identify outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome regulatory requirements pursuant to the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 (EGŘPRÅ). Today, we request your comments and suggestions on ways to reduce burden in rules we have categorized as Consumer Protection: Lending-Related Rules, consistent with our statutory obligations. All comments are welcome. We specifically invite comment on the following issues: whether statutory changes are needed; whether the regulations contain requirements that are not needed to serve the purposes of the statutes they

implement; the extent to which the regulations may adversely affect competition; the cost of compliance associated with reporting, recordkeeping, and disclosure requirements, particularly on small institutions; whether any regulatory requirements are inconsistent or redundant; and whether any regulations are unclear.

We will analyze the comments received and propose burden reducing changes to our regulations where appropriate. Some of your suggestions for burden reduction might require legislative changes. Where legislative changes would be required, we will consider your suggestions in recommending appropriate changes to the Congress.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than April 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

EGRPRA Web site: *http://www.EGRPRA.gov.*

• Comments submitted at the Agencies' joint Web site will automatically be distributed to all the Agencies upon receipt. Comments received at the EGRPRA Web site and by other means will be posted on the Web site to the extent possible.

Individual agency addresses: You are also welcome to submit comments to the Agencies at the following contact points (due to delays in paper mail delivery in the Washington area, commenters may prefer to submit their comments by alternative means):

OCC: You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number 04–05, by any of the following methods:

• E-mail:

regs.comments@*occ.treas.gov*. Include Docket Number 04–05 in the subject line of the message.

• Fax: (202) 874-4448.

• *Mail:* Public Information Room, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Mailstop 1–5, Washington, DC 20219.

Public Inspection: You may inspect and photocopy comments at the Public Information Room. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874–5043.

Board: You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number R–1180, by any of the following methods:

• E-mail:

regs.comments@federalreserve.gov.