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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of the Comptroller of the Currency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning an extension of OMB approval of the information collection titled, "(MA) Real Estate Lending and Appraisals (12 CFR 34)."

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Attention: 1557-0190, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-4448, or by electronic mail to [regs.comments@occ.treas.gov](mailto:regs.comments@occ.treas.gov). You can inspect and photocopy the comments at the OCC's Public Information Room, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. You can make an appointment to inspect the comments by calling (202) 874-5043.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to OCC Desk Officer, 1557-0190, by mail to U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., #10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request additional information or a copy of the collection and supporting documentation submitted to OMB by contacting: Mary Gottlieb or Camille Dickerson, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division,

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* (MA) Real Estate Lending and Appraisals (12 CFR 34).

*OMB Control No.:* 1557-0190.

*Type of Review:* Extension, without revision, of a currently approved collection.

*Description:* Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), 12 U.S.C. 3331 *et seq.*, directs the Federal banking agencies to publish appraisal rules for federally related transactions. This submission covers those statutorily required appraisal rules. These regulations are required by statute and are used by the agencies to ensure the safe and sound operation of financial institutions.

National banks must review and maintain records required under 12 CFR Part 34 Subpart C (Appraisal Requirements) and Subpart D (Real Estate Lending Standards) and file the reports required by Subpart E (Other Real Estate Owned).

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Burden Estimates:*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,800.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 3,610.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 99,050 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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 has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

[LR-77-86]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project**

**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 an existing temporary regulation, LR-77-86 (TD 8124), Certain Elections Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (§ 5h.5). **DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 14, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carolyn N. Brown at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-6688, or through the internet at [Carolyn.N.Brown@irs.gov](mailto:Carolyn.N.Brown@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Certain Elections Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0982.

*Regulation Project Numbers:* LR-77-86.

*Abstract:* Section 5h.5(a) of this regulation sets forth general rules for the time and manner of making various elections under the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The regulation enables taxpayers to take advantage of various benefits provided by the Internal Revenue Code.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this existing regulation.