

EPA has discussed the need to develop an environmental economic research strategy with the EEAC on a number of occasions (see 63 FR 56:14112; 63 FR 150:41826; 64 FR 205:57452). Now, EPA's National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) and the National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) are initiating the development of an EPA-wide "Economic Research Strategy" with widespread program input and external consultation and peer review. The Economic Research Strategy will provide a blueprint for economic research priorities for EPA and will help coordinate dispersed but related economic research efforts throughout the Agency.

An initial effort to identify economic research strategies was undertaken by the Office of Policy, now the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation's NCEE, in 1997. Evaluation of this effort pointed out some needed supplemental information, such as an assessment of current research, that should be included in a comprehensive economic research strategy. In response, NCEE and NCER have decided to develop a revised research strategy. This project will build on the accomplishments of the first effort, which have provided guidance for research for the past 3 years, but will augment them with new components, such as assessments of research in priority areas, and a reassessment of program and regional priorities for economic research.

The research strategy will describe not only the priorities identified by program practitioners, but will evaluate the state of the science in the identified priority areas, so that research efforts can be focused where the incremental effort will have the greatest practical payoff. It will also provide differential foci on the short, medium and long run that will allow EPA to develop an implementation plan using its full suite of economic research tools and vehicles, such as in-house research, contracts, cooperative agreements or research grants, to meet the identified need with the most appropriate tool.

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting should contact Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1400A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-4558; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov). For a copy of the draft meeting agenda, please contact Ms. Wanda Fields, Management Assistant at (202) 564-4539, or by FAX

at (202) 501-0582 or via e-mail at [fields.wanda@epa.gov](mailto:fields.wanda@epa.gov).

Background Information—is available on the EPA from: (1) For topics "a" and "b" above, Ms. Jennifer Bowen, Research and Program Support Division, National Center for Environmental Economics, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Mail Code 1809, Washington, DC 20460; Phone: (202) 260-4396; or E-Mail, [bowen.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:bowen.jennifer@epa.gov); (2) for topic "c" above, Dr. Matthew Clark, Economics, Social and Behavioral Science Program; National Center for Environmental Research, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mail Code 8722R, Washington, DC 20460; Phone: (202) 564-6842; or E-Mail: [clark.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:clark.matthew@epa.gov).

**Public Oral or Written Comments—**Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation (5 minutes or less) to the Committee must contact Mr. Miller *in writing* (by letter or by fax—see contact information above) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 21, 2001 in order to be included on the Agenda. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself. Written comments will be accepted until close of business December 7, 2001. See below for more information on providing written or oral comments.

#### **Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings**

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of five minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written

comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution.

General Information—Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY2000 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

Meeting Access—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact Mr. Miller at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: October 18, 2001.

**Donald G. Barnes,**  
Staff Director, EPA Science Advisory Board.  
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## **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1394-DR]

### **Nebraska; Major Disaster and Related Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Nebraska (FEMA-1394-DR), dated October 12, 2001, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 12, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 12, 2001, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5204c (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Nebraska, resulting from severe storms and a tornado on August 17–18, 2001, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Nebraska.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Gracia Szczech of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Nebraska to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Dakota County for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Nebraska are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers(CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Joe M. Allbaugh,**  
*Director.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than November 13, 2001.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (Susan Zubradt, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:

1. *Jayne L. Coleman Revocable Trust, Jayne L. Coleman or Gary M. Coleman, Trustees*, Valley Falls, Kansas; to acquire voting shares of Northeast Kansas Bancshares, Inc., Valley Falls, Kansas, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Kendall State Bank, Valley Falls, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 23, 2001.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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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 website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](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 November 19, 2001.

**Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261–4528:

1. *Capital Bank Corporation*, Raleigh, North Carolina; to merge with First Community Financial Corporation, Burlington, North Carolina, and thereby indirectly acquire Community Savings Bank, Inc., Burlington, North Carolina.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 22, 2001.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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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