

compliance with regulations. An absence of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements would not allow for prudent internal controls or for examiners to determine the accurate performance and condition of savings associations. Specifically, OTS examiners use the reports and recordkeeping requirements to determine whether the savings associations are being operated safely, soundly, and in compliance with regulations.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 834.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 834.

**Estimated Burden Hours per**

**Response:** Range between 15 minutes to 100 hours, an average of 19 hours.

**Estimated Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Burden:** 3,648,563.

**Clearance Officer:** Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Mutual to Stock Conversion Application

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before May 15, 2008. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from *RegInfo.gov* at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OTS and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S.

Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at [www.ots.treas.gov](http://www.ots.treas.gov). In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [public.info@ots.treas.gov](mailto:public.info@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, please contact Ira L. Mills at, [ira.mills@ots.treas.gov](mailto:ira.mills@ots.treas.gov) (202) 906-6531, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Litigation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

**Title of Proposal:** Mutual to Stock Conversion Application.

**OMB Number:** 1550-0014.

**Form Number:** OTS Forms 1680, 1681, 1682, and 1683.

**Description:** The OTS staff makes an in-depth study of all information furnished in the application in order to determine the safety and soundness of the proposed stock conversion. The purpose of the information collection is to provide OTS with the information necessary to determine if the proposed transaction may be approved. If the information required were not collected, OTS would not be able to properly evaluate whether the proposed transaction was acceptable. The information collection allows OTS to evaluate the merits of the proposed conversion plan and application in light of applicable statutory and regulatory criteria.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 14.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 14.  
**Estimated Burden Hours per Response:** 510 hours.

**Estimated Frequency of Response:** Other; Required once when converting to stock form.

**Estimated Total Burden:** 7,140 hours.

**Clearance Officer:** Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### VA Adjudication Procedures Manual, M21-1; Rescission of Manual M21-1 Provisions Related to Exposure to Herbicides Based on Receipt of the Vietnam Service Medal

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rescinds provisions of its Adjudication Procedures Manual, M21-1 (Manual M21-1) that were found by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Veterans Court) not to have been properly rescinded.

**DATES:** This rescission is effective April 15, 2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 27, 2007, we proposed to rescind certain provisions of our Manual M21-1. 72 FR 66218. The notice was necessitated by the opinion rendered by the Veterans Court in *Haas v. Nicholson*, 20 Vet. App. 257 (2006). Although VA's appeal of that decision has been submitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Federal Circuit), that court has not yet issued a decision in the case. The comment period has ended, and we now rescind the provisions.

We received more than 75 comments, most of which were very similar and can be addressed in three categories: (1) Citation to scientific evidence, in particular a 2002 study performed for Australia's Queensland Health Scientific Services by their National Research Center for Environmental Toxicology, titled, *Examination of the Potential Exposure of Royal Australian Navy Personnel to Polychlorinated Dibenzo-dioxins and Polychlorinated*