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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Jeff.gorham@dot.gov,* Office of Airline Information, RTS–42, Room E34, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or by phone at 202 366–4406.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 2138–0004.

Title: Submission of Audit Reports—Part 248.

Form No.: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Large certificated air carriers.

Number of Respondents: 71.

Number of Responses: 71.

Total Annual Burden: 36 hours.

Needs and Uses: BTS collects independent audited financial reports from U.S. certificated air carriers. Carriers not having an annual audit must file a statement that no such audit has been performed. In lieu of the audit report, BTS will accept the annual report submitted to the stockholders. The audited reports are needed by the Department of Transportation as (1) a means to monitor an air carrier's continuing fitness to operate, (2) reference material used by analysts in examining foreign route cases (3) reference material used by analyst in examining proposed mergers, acquisitions and consolidations, (4) a means whereby BTS sends a copy of the report to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in fulfillment of a United States treaty obligation, and (5) corroboration of a carrier's Form 41 filings.

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note), requires a statistical agency to clearly identify information it collects for non-statistical purposes. BTS hereby notifies the respondents and the public that BTS uses the information it collects under this OMB approval for non-statistical purposes including, but not limited to, publication of both Respondent's identity and its data, submission of the information to agencies outside BTS for review, analysis and possible use in regulatory and other administrative matters.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2024.

William Chadwick, Jr.,

Director, Office of Airline Information, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Scoping Notice for Preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the State Veterans Homes Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is preparing a programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) in accordance with the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and VA's NEPA Implementing Regulations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through *www.regulations.gov.* Except as noted in this section, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at *www.regulations.gov* for public viewing, inspection, or copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post the comments received before the close of the comment period on *www.regulations.gov* as soon as possible after they have been received. VA will not post on *regulations.gov* public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the commenter will take actions to harm the individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments; however, we will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments. Any public comment received after the comment period's closing date is considered late and will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jason Sturm, Environmental Engineer, Office of Construction & Facilities Management (003C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington DC 20420, 224–628–1946 (this is not a toll-free number), *Jason.Sturm@va.gov.* Reference ''State Veterans Homes PEA'' in your correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VA State Veterans Homes Construction Grant Program is a partnership between VA and the states by which VA provides full or partial grants to a state for construction, renovation, or repair of state-owned and operated nursing homes, domiciliaries, and/or adult day health care facilities. The PEA will evaluate VA's proposed Action to issue grants through the VA State Veterans Homes Construction Grant Program to its state partners for construction, renovation, or repair of State Veterans Homes facilities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Tribal Lands. The PEA aims to provide a streamlined NEPA compliance process for future VA State Veterans Homes Construction Grant Program grants involving construction, renovation, and repair projects that would result in less than significant environmental impacts.

This notice initiates the scoping process for the PEA and invites the public, government agencies, and other interested persons and organizations to provide comments on the scope of

issues for analysis, input on potential alternatives, or information/analyses relevant to the proposed action.

Use of the PEA would decrease the time and cost associated with having to prepare stand-alone NEPA documentation for those future VA State Veterans Homes Construction Grant Program projects that would meet the conditions of the PEA. VA would complete additional NEPA compliance as required on projects outside the parameters of the PEA.

The grant program assists in providing eligible Veterans and their families high- quality, long-term domiciliary, nursing, adult day health, and hospital care services in a comfortable setting. The proposed action is needed to provide sufficient capacity to meet the increasing health care needs of eligible Veterans.

The PEA will evaluate the potential direct and indirect impacts on the human environment from the proposed action and alternatives. VA anticipates releasing the Draft PEA for a 30-day public review and comment period later in CY 2024. VA will notify stakeholders via email/mail, publish a notice of availability of the Draft PEA in the **Federal Register**, and solicit comments at that time. Once the Draft PEA is released it will be available for review via the VA website: *www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/.*

Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on January 4, 2024, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Luvenia Potts,

Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0856]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Authorization To Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *www.Regulations.gov* or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to *nancy.kessinger@va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0856'' in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email *maribel.aponte@va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0856'' in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Authority: Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party VA Form 29–0975 and Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party VA Form 29–0975e (DocuSign Version).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0856.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This form will be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs Insurance Center (VAIC) to enable a third party to act on behalf of the insured Veteran/beneficiary. Many of our customers are of advanced age or suffer from limiting disabilities and need assistance from a third party to conduct their affairs. The information collected provides an optional service and is not required to receive insurance benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

VA PRA Clearance Officer (Alt), Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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