

under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by November 20, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by November 30, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Thomas J. Litwiler, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

PVRR has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by November 13, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), PVRR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by PVRR's filing of a notice of consummation by November 10, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

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Decided: November 3, 1998.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

November 2, 1998.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 9, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**Departmental Offices/Office of Foreign Assets Control**

*OMB Number:* 1505-0169.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Sudanese Sanctions Regulations.

*Description:* Submissions will provide the United States Government with information to be used in implementing Executive Order 13067 and enforcing sanctions against the Government of Sudan. These information collections will assist in controlling financial transactions involving the Government of Sudan.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 50.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 100 hours.

Clearance Officer: Lois K. Holland (202) 622-1563, Departmental Offices, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Lois K. Holland,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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Comment Request**

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**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)**

*OMB Number:* 1512-0546.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Certification on Agency Letterhead Authorizing Purchase of Firearm for Official Duties of Law Enforcement Officer.

*Description:* This letter is used by a law enforcement officer to purchase handguns to be used in his/her official duties from a licensed firearm dealer anywhere in the country. The letter shall state that the firearm is to be used in the official duties of the officer and that he/she has been checked that he/she has not been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. The letter will be retained for at least five years in the licensee's records.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Recordkeepers:* 50,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper:* 5 seconds.

*Frequency of Response:* Other (5 years).

*Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 25 hours.

Clearance Officer: Robert N. Hogarth, (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New

<sup>2</sup> Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1000. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.  
**Lois K. Holland,**  
*Departmental Reports Management Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
 Comment Request**

October 27, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 9, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

*OMB Number:* 1545-0016.  
*Form Number:* IRS Form 706-A.  
*Type of Review:* Revision.  
*Title:* United States Additional Estate Tax Return.  
*Description:* Form 706-A is used by individuals to compute and pay the additional estate taxes due under Code section 2032A(c). IRS uses the information to determine that the taxes have been properly computed. The form

is also used for the basis election of section 1016(c)(1).  
*Respondents:* Individuals or households.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 180.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* Recordkeeping—3 hr., 17 min. Learning about the law or the form—2 hr., 11 min. Preparing the form—1 hr., 40 min. Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 3 min.  
*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 1,474 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-0020.  
*Form Number:* IRS Form 709.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* United States Gift (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return.  
*Description:* Form 709 is used by individuals to report transfers subject to the gift and generation-skipping transfer taxes and to compute these taxes. IRS uses the information to enforce these taxes and to compute the estate tax.  
*Respondents:* Individuals or households.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 130,000.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* Recordkeeping—40 min. Learning about the law or the form—1 hr., 6 min. Preparing the form—1 hr., 52 min. Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—1 hr., 3 min.  
*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 608,400 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-0021.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 709-A.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* United States Short Form Gift Tax Return.  
*Description:* Form 709-A is used to report gifts that would be taxable that they are “split” between husband and wife. The form is a simplified version of Form 709, designed to relieve these gift taxpayers of the burden of filing Form 709. IRS uses the information to assure that “gift-splitting” was properly elected.  
*Respondents:* Individuals or households.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* Annually.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 45,100 hours.  
*Frequency of Response:* Annually.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 44,100 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-0023.  
*Form Number:* IRS Form 720.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return.  
*Description:* The information supplied on Form 720 is used by the IRS to determine the correct tax liability. Additionally, the data is reported by the IRS to Treasury so that funds may be transferred from the general revenue fund to the appropriate trust funds.  
*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government  
*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 50,000.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:*

Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing and sending the form to the IRS
720 .....	23 hr., 41 min. ....	2 hr., 23 min. ....	6 hr., 29 min.
Schedule A .....	2 hr., 52 min. ....	3 min..	
Schedule C:..			
Part I .....	1 hr., 55 min. ....	6 min. ....	8 min.
Part II .....	20 hr., 20 min. ....	6 min. ....	20 min.
Part III .....	14 min. ....	6 min. ....	7 min.

*Frequency of Response:* Quarterly.  
*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 3,691,999 hours.  
*OMB Number:* 1545-0150.  
*Form Number:* IRS Form 2848.  
*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title:* Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative.  
*Description:* Form 2848 is used to authorize someone to act for the respondent in tax matters. It grants all

powers that the taxpayer has except signing a return and cashing refund checks. Data is used to identify representatives and to ensure that confidential information is not divulged to unauthorized persons. Also used to input representative on CAF (Central Authorization File).  
*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 800,000.  
*Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:* Recordkeeping—20 min. Learning about the law or the form—29 min. Preparing the form—29 min. Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—35 min.  
*Frequency of Response:* Annually.