

funded project will be located within an FFRMS floodplain, based on the CISA or FVA. The website also includes a number of resources that have undergone interagency review:

- a video on determining the FFRMS floodplain
- Federal Flood Standard Support Tool User Manual
- *FFRMS Interim Flood Mapping Data Development Methodology* report
- *2023 CISA State of the Science Report*
- *2023 FFRMS Floodplain Determination Job Aid*
- information on nature-based solutions that Federal and non-Federal partners could use in their efforts to identify practicable alternatives and minimization techniques.

Request for Comment

While OSTP invites all comments responsive to this request for comments, of key interest are: (a) feedback on the functionality of the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool in providing a user-friendly visual representation and actionable information on FFRMS approaches for federally funded projects; (b) insights on potential training and/or technical assistance needs associated with use of the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool; and (c) suggestions for clarifying the communication of the flood mapping data development methodology. Please be specific in comments provided and/or recommendations for changes to the digital resources.

Response to this Request for Comments is voluntary. Comments on the beta version of the Federal Flood Standard Support website and Tool will be considered as modifications are made to the website and Tool. Please note, as this is the beta release, over the course of the coming months, additional data will be incorporated to provide more expansive coverage.

Dated: April 8, 2024.

Stacy Murphy,

Deputy Chief Operations Officer/Security Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-771, OMB Control No. 3235-0752]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 18a-9

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services,

100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 18a-9 (17 CFR 240.18a-9), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Rule 18a-9, which is modeled on Exchange Act Rule 17-13, establishes a securities count program for security-based swap dealers not dually registered as a broker-dealer or regulated by a prudential regulator (“stand-alone SBSDs”). Specifically, Rule 18a-9 requires stand-alone SBSDs to examine and count the securities they physically hold, account for the securities that are subject to their control and direction but are not in their physical possession, verify the locations of securities under certain circumstances, and compare the results of the count and verification with their records.

Stand-alone SBSDs are required to perform a securities count each quarter, either as of a date certain or on a cyclical basis. Rule 18a-9 requires stand-alone SBSDs to note any discrepancies between the count and the firm’s records, and to record in the firm’s record any discrepancies that remain unresolved seven business days after the date of the examination, count, and verification.

The Commission estimates that the total hour burden under Rule 18a-6 is approximately 1,100 hours per year. Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted by June 10, 2024.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Order Scheduling Filing of Statements On Review Regarding an Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the FINRA Codes of Arbitration Procedure and Code of Mediation Procedure To Revise and Restate the Qualifications for Representatives in Arbitrations and Mediations (File No. SR-FINRA-2023-013)

On October 5, 2023, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² a proposed rule change to amend the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes, the Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes, and the Code of Mediation Procedure, to revise and restate the qualifications for representatives in arbitrations and mediations in the forum administered by FINRA Dispute Resolution Services. The proposed rule change was published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on October 13, 2023. ³ The public comment period closed on November 3, 2023. The Commission received comment letters related to this filing. ⁴ On November 9, 2023, FINRA consented to an extension of the time period in which the Commission must approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the

¹ See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² See 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Exchange Act Release No. 98703 (Oct. 6, 2023), 88 FR 71051 (Oct. 13, 2023) (File No. SR-FINRA-2023-013) (“Notice”).

⁴ The comment letters are available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-finra-2023-013/srfinra2023013.htm>.