

**Supporting Statement for
OMB Control Number 1557-0182
Disclosure of Financial and Other Information by National Banks (12 CFR 18)**

A. Justification

1. Circumstances that make the collection necessary:

The OCC, as the primary regulator for national banks, is responsible for fostering the safety and soundness of the national banking system. This program of periodic financial disclosure is needed, not only to facilitate informed decision making by existing and potential customers and investors, but also to improve public understanding of, and confidence in, the financial condition of individual national banks and the national banking system. Further, financial disclosure reduces the likelihood that the market will overreact to incomplete information. Disclosure of financial information complements OCC's supervisory efforts.

2. Use of the information:

Depositors, security holders, and the general public use the information in evaluating the condition of, and deciding whether to do business with, a particular bank. Further, disclosure and increased public knowledge complements OCC's efforts to promote the safety and soundness of national banks and the national banking system.

3. Consideration of the use of improved information technology:

National banks may adopt any existing technology relevant to producing or delivering the information.

4. Efforts to identify duplication:

There is no duplication. Although the data required to be disclosed in the annual disclosure statement are the same data that banks provide in the Reports of Condition and Income (Call Reports), the public, not the government, is the recipient of the disclosed information. This disclosure program ensures that relevant data are more readily available to the general public and that the public is made aware of this availability. Finally, the optional narrative includes unique information that bank management deems important in evaluating the overall condition of the bank.

5. Methods used to minimize burden if the collection has a significant impact on substantial number of small entities:

This collection of information imposes on banks, regardless of size, only the minimum burden necessary to accomplish the program objectives discussed in Items 1 and 2. The OCC has minimized program burden for all banks by permitting the disclosure of already required, readily available information as discussed in Item 4, and by making the narrative portion of the disclosure optional.

6. Consequences to the Federal program if the collection were conducted less frequently:

The preparation of the financial disclosure statement is required only on an annual basis. Less frequent disclosure would make the program unworkable and would not accomplish OCC's objectives of giving existing and potential customers information they need for decision making and to enhance public confidence in the banking system.

7. Special circumstances necessitating collection inconsistent with 5 CFR Part 1320:

Not applicable. This collection is conducted consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. Efforts to consult with persons outside the agency:

The OCC published a Federal Register notice regarding this renewal of the information collections in 12 CFR Part 18 on March 14, 2007 (72 FR 11933) and received no public comment.

9. Payment to respondents:

None.

10. Any assurance of confidentiality:

No assurance of confidentiality is made.

11. Justification for questions of a sensitive nature:

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Burden estimate:

The collections of information contained in 12 CFR Part 18 are found in §§ 18.4(c) and 18.8. Section 18.4(c) permits a bank to prepare an optional narrative for inclusion in its annual disclosure statement. Section 18.8 requires that a national bank promptly furnish materials in response to a request.

The regulation applies to approximately 1,800 national banks and 50 Federal branches and agencies. Most banks will use their Call Reports or information prepared for annual reports as their disclosure material.

The OCC estimates that a bank will take, on average, one-half hour to prepare and disclose this information. This average is based on estimated per bank burden ranging from .25 hours or less to several hours.

1,850 respondents @ 1 response = 1,850 responses
1,850 responses @ .5 burden hours = 925 burden hours

The OCC estimates the cost of the hour burden to respondents as follows:

Clerical:	75% x 925	=	693.75 @ \$20	=	\$13,875
Managerial/Technical:	25% x 925	=	231.25 @ \$40	=	<u>\$ 9,250</u>
Total:				=	\$ 23,125

13. Estimates of annualized costs to respondents:

Not applicable.

14. Estimate of annualized costs to the government:

Not applicable.

15. Change in burden:

This submission involves an adjustment of -300 national banks and -150 burden hours. This adjustment is attributable to a decrease in the number of national banks.

Former: 2,150 respondents @ 1 response = 2,150 responses
2,150 responses @ .5 hour = 1,075 burden hours

New: 1,850 respondents @ 1 response = 1,850 responses
1,850 responses @ .5 burden hours = 925 burden hours

Difference: - 300 respondents, -300 responses, - 150 burden hours

16. Information regarding collections whose results are planned to be published for statistical use:

The OCC has no plans to publish the data for statistical purposes.

17. Display of expiration date:

Not applicable.

18. Exceptions to certification statement:

None.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

Not applicable.