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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Suspicious Activity Report

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), as part of a continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the following extension of a currently approved collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the information collection to Mackie Malaka, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Suite 6060, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Fax No. 703-519-8579; or e-mail at PRAComments@NCUA.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Address requests for additional information to Mackie Malaka at the address above or telephone 703-548-2704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 3133-0094.

Title: Suspicious Activity Report, 12 CFR Part 748.1.

Form: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Department of the Treasury, was granted broad authority to require suspicious transaction reporting under the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) (31 U.S.C. 5318(g)). FinCEN joined with the bank regulators in adopting and requiring reports of suspicious transactions on a consolidated suspicious activity report (SARs) form. This simplified the process through which banks inform their regulators and law enforcement about suspected criminal activity. In 2011, FinCEN transitioned from industry specific paper forms to one electronically filed dynamic and interactive BSA-SAR for use by all filing institutions. Information about suspicious transactions conducted or attempted by, at, through, or otherwise involving credit unions are collected through FinCEN's BSA E-filing system by credit unions. A SAR is to be filed no later than 30 calendar days from the date of the initial detection of facts that may constitute a basis for filing a SAR. If no suspect can be identified, the period for filing a SAR is extended to 60 days. FinCEN and law enforcement agencies use the information on BSA-SARs and the supporting documentation retained by the banks for criminal investigation and prosecution purposes.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 5,277.

Estimated No. of Responses per Respondent: 36.64.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 193,364.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 1.

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Reason for Change: The increase in the burden is due to the increase in the number of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) filed by federally insured credit unions.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The public is invited to submit comments concerning: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper execution of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

By Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, the National Credit Union Administration,
on January 14, 2020.

Dated: January 14, 2020.

Mackie I. Malaka,

NCUA PRA Clearance Officer.

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