limits for toxic substances are not enforceable; (8) the limits for lead are not enforceable; (9) the limits for VOC are not enforceable; (10) ''startup and shutdown'' and ''good combustion control'' are not defined; and (11) the permit raises general concerns.

The September 10, 2008, Partial Order explains EPA's rationale for granting the petition with respect to the issues summarized in numerals 3 and 7, above. The Partial Order also describes the basis for denying the petition with respect to the remaining issues listed above.

A second partial order will follow that addresses the remaining outstanding issues from the March 2006 petition, as well as the April 2008 petition, and it will undergo the same **Federal Register** procedures as this Partial Order.

Dated: October 10, 2008.

J.I. Palmer, Jr.,

Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

October 17, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Subject to the PRA, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (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 burden estimate; (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 the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before December 22, 2008. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit all PRA comments by e-mail or U.S. post mail. To submit your comments by e-mail, send them to *PRA@fcc.gov* and/or to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.* To submit your comments by U.S. mail, mark them to the attention of Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–C823, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection(s), contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918 or send an e-mail to *PRA@fcc.gov* and/or *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0685.

Title: Updating Maximum Permitted Rates for Regulated Services and Equipment, FCC Form 1210; Annual Updating of Maximum Permitted Rates for Regulated Cable Services, FCC Form 1240.

Form Number: FCC Forms 1210 and 1240.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 3,400 respondents; 5,350 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour to 15 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual reporting requirement; Quarterly reporting requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 4(i) and 623 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 44,800 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $2,034,375.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: There is no need for confidentiality with this collection.

Needs and Uses: Cable operators use Form 1210 to file for adjustments in maximum permitted rates for regulated services to reflect external costs. Regulated cable operators submit this form to local franchising authorities. Form 1240 is filed by cable operators seeking to adjust maximum permitted rates for regulated cable services to reflect changes in external costs. Cable operators submit Form 1240 to their respective local franchising authorities (''LFAs'') to justify rates for the basic service tier and related equipment or with the Commission (in situations where the Commission has assumed jurisdiction).

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2008–10: *VoterVoter.com* by Joseph M. Birkenstock, Esquire.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2008–15: National Right to Life Committee, Inc., by James Bopp, Jr., Esquire, and Clayton J. Callen, Esquire.

Management and Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mary Dove, Commission Secretary, at (202) 694–1040, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date.

Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C.

1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at *www.ffiec.gov/nic/*.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 17, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Bank Applications Officer) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045–0001:

1. Banco Santander S.A., Boadilla, Spain, to acquire 75.1 percent of the voting shares of Sovereign Bancorp, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and thereby indirectly acquire Sovereign Bank, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, and thereby engage in operating a savings and loan associationm pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 20, 2008.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Availability of the Biennial Progress Report of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM): NIH Publication No. 08–6529

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Availability of the ICCVAM Biennial Progress Report.

SUMMARY: NICEATM announces the availability of the ''Biennial Progress Report: Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods: 2006–2007.'' In accordance with requirements of the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285*l*–3), this report describes progress and activities during 2006–2007 by ICCVAM and NICEATM. The report is available on the NICEATM–ICCVAM Web site at *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/ICCVAMrpts.htm.* Copies can also be requested from NICEATM at the address given below.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the report should be sent by mail, fax, or email to Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (phone) 919–541–2384, (fax) 919–541–0947, (e-mail) *niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.* Courier address: NICEATM, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director (919–541–2384 or *niceatm@niehs.nih.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information on ICCVAM, NICEATM, and SACATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies that use, generate, or disseminate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability. ICCVAM also promotes scientific validation, regulatory acceptance, and national and international harmonization of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, and replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285*l*–3, available at *http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/about_docs/PL106545.pdf*) established ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM collaborate in evaluating new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the NICEATM–ICCVAM Web site (*http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*).

ICCVAM, NICEATM, and the Director of the NIEHS receive advice regarding statutorily mandated duties of ICCVAM and activities of NICEATM from the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM), a Federally chartered advisory committee. Additional information about SACATM, including the charter, roster, and records of past meetings, can be found at *http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/167.*

Dated: October 8, 2008.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Acting Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Final Guidance on Engagement of Institutions in Human Subjects Research

AGENCY: Office for Human Research Protections, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of Public Health and Science, is announcing the availability of a guidance document entitled, ''OHRP Guidance on Engagement of Institutions in Human Subjects Research.'' The guidance document describes: (1) Scenarios that, in general, would result in an institution being considered engaged in a human subjects research project; (2) scenarios that would result in an institution being considered not engaged in a human subjects research project; and (3) IRB review considerations for cooperative research in which multiple institutions are engaged in the same non-exempt human subjects research project. The guidance document is intended primarily for institutional review boards (IRBs), research administrators and other relevant institutional officials, investigators, and funding agencies that may be responsible for the conduct, review and oversight of human subject research that is conducted or supported by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The guidance document announced in this notice finalizes the draft guidance with the same title that was made available for public comment in the **Federal Register** on December 8,