

receipt of information for the ROMAN database will aid the FAA in improving overall engine rotor integrity and decreasing the occurrence and severity of engine rotor failures. Reducing the number of aircraft accidents attributable to the failure of rotating parts in engines is an important part of the FAA's Safer Skies Program. The ROMAN database provides a way to identify manufacturing trends and precursors before they result in anomalies that might cause rotating part failures and aircraft accidents.

(5) *Withholding such information from disclosure, under the circumstances provided in this part, is consistent with the FAA's safety and security responsibilities.* Withholding the information submitted to the FAA to form the ROMAN database from public disclosure is consistent with the FAA's safety responsibilities. The ROMAN database will provide a key method to improving safety in air commerce by identifying manufacturing trends that may contribute to the presence of anomalies in the rotating parts in aircraft engines that could potentially cause those parts to fail. Identifying these trends will lead to improvements in manufacturing processes as well as design practices to eliminate and account for the anomalies in future production and the removal of parts already in service before the actual failure occurs.

The FAA will withhold and release information submitted under this program as specified in 14 CFR 193.9.

The FAA may release activity reports that include the number of PAHs and suppliers who are participating and the number of manufacturing trends identified as a result. Activity reports will not include the names of the PAH's and suppliers who participate, or numbers or details of the anomalies that have been disclosed under this program.

(6) *Summary of how the FAA will distinguish information protected under this program from information the FAA receives from other sources.* The FAA routinely receives data and information aircraft engine PAHs as part of its regulatory oversight of approved engine designs. The data received for the ROMAN database will be maintained separately by having the ROMAN database managed by a contractor. The ROMAN database will include only information received under this program. Information that is received under this program, and reports generated ROMAN database, will be clearly marked as having been received under this program as follows:

WARNING: The Information in this Document Is Protected from Disclosure under 14 CFR part 193. This Information Shall Not Be Released Except With Written Permission of the Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification.

#### Designation

Accordingly, the Federal Aviation Administration hereby designates the information submitted under this program to be protected under 49 U.S.C. 40123 and 14 CFR part 193.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 14, 2003.

**Nicholas A. Sabatini,**

*Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6198

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 6198, At-Risk Limitations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 23, 2003 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the internet at [Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* At-Risk Limitations.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0712.

*Form Number:* Form 6198.

*Abstract:* Internal Revenue Code section 465 requires taxpayers to limit

their at-risk loss to the lesser of the loss or their amount at risk. Form 6198 is used by taxpayers to determine their deductible loss and by IRS to verify the amount deducted.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, and individuals, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 185,167.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 3 hrs. 58 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 735,113.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: April 15, 2003.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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