Guide to the New Weekly Bulletin Format

The OCC has begun to roll out brand-new functionality for searching applications and notices filed with the OCC. The search will eventually replace the Weekly Bulletin. The new functionality comes alongside the roll out of a new information system that facilitates the submission of electronic filings called the Central Application Tracking System, or “CATS” for short. CATS went live internally at the end of April. Later, we will provide details about what’s to come with the full roll out. The purpose of this document is to share the changes we’ve implemented to improve the weekly bulletin as well as some known issues with our system cutover and data conversion that are being addressed by the software development team.

Previous Weekly Bulletins in the old format will remain on the OCC Web site during the transition. Weekly Bulletins for the period beginning April 20 will have a new format. Further details on the transactions appearing in the Weekly Bulletin can be retrieved through use of the Corporate Applications Search (an enhancement to and replacement for the Corporate Applications Activity System (CAAS)). CAS allows the user to search for an application by bank name, charter number, OCC control number, application type, or OCC action.

Applications submitted by and decisions regarding Federal savings associations are available at:

- **Search Application**
- **Search Archive**

A more customized version of the new Weekly Bulletin can be created through CAS.

From the [Weekly Bulletin/Corporate Activities page](#) on the OCC Web site, click on the second link listed in the second paragraph, “**Corporate Applications Search.**” Here’s what the search page looks like:

- Notice that you can find national bank application information by specifying any combination of search criteria.
Try a search for applications to establish new branches in Maryland during the month of January, 2013. Here’s the result from the search:

There was only one such application received during the month of January. Notice that since we asked for the branch location, that’s what appears. If we changed the search criteria by specifying “Bank Headquarters Location” we get a different result: in January, 2013, there were no new branches applications to established by national banks headquartered in Maryland.

You can just as easily search for multiple application types. Here are the results from a query of all application events from January of this year, using the default of “Bank Headquarters Location.” There are well over 300 actions listed, with only the first several illustrated below:

More detailed results can be achieved by clicking on the “Details” link to the left of each row. So, if we want to know the old address and new address for the application to relocate a branch (see the “Branch Relocation” indicator under the Type column), for instance, clicking Details would display the following. The information we are looking for appears in the “Affected Branch” section.
The detail pages are tailored for each application type. We hope you’ll find them useful.

**A Word About Control Numbers**

Note that in the example above, that the application control numbers have two different formats. The control number used pre-CATS looked like this:

2013-CE-07-0001

The new format for applications filed in CATS is similar but has omitted the number designation for the application type and is easier to read, as shown here:

2013-CE-Relocation-132732

Don’t worry, we are keeping all of the old numbers too.

For the CAS user, all you need are the last six digits (132732) to find an application.
Known Corporate Applications Search and Weekly Bulletin Data Display Issues

– We’re Fixing These Now

- For older banks, sometimes the name of the bank displays a name that applied for a different time period in the history of the bank
- The details for Subsidiaries and Equities, specifically the approved lines of business, are not yet implemented
- The names of the parties in a Change of Bank Control are not yet listed
- The public comment periods reflect the date the bank placed an announcement in the newspaper. Because we also publish applications on our Web site, we use the latest date for the actual comment period, which is reflected in our “canned’ version of the Weekly Bulletin

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