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PEOPLES BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported) December 11, 2003  
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33-1803; 333-108383  
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Commission file numbers

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Peoples Bancorp Inc. Retirement Savings Plan

- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and address of its principal executive office:

Peoples Bancorp Inc.  
138 Putnam Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

Change in independent auditors for the Peoples Bancorp Inc. Retirement Savings Plan:

On September 26, 2003, Peoples Bancorp Inc. ("Peoples") filed a Current Report on Form 8-K regarding the resignation of Rea & Associates, Inc. as the independent auditor of the financial statements of the Peoples Bancorp Inc. Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan").

At a meeting held on December 11, 2003, the Board of Directors of Peoples approved the engagement of BKD, LLP ("BKD") as the independent auditor of the financial statements of the Plan for periods ending after January 1, 2003, by the Retirement Planning Committee, which administers the Plan. The decision to approve BKD was based on the

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recommendation of the Audit Committee.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Retirement Planning Committee, which administers the Peoples Bancorp Inc. Retirement Savings Plan, has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Date: December 12, 2003      By: /s/ JOHN E. DAKESIAN

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John E. Dakesian  
Chairperson of the Retirement Planning  
Committee, which administers the  
Peoples Bancorp Inc. Retirement Savings Plan