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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Submission for OMB review; comment request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

Title: Claims for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

OMB Number: 1660-0005.

Abstract: The claims forms used for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are used by policyholders and adjusters to collect the information needed to investigate, document, evaluate, and settle claims against National Flood Insurance Program policies for flood damage to their insured property or qualification for benefits under Increased Cost of Compliance coverage.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or Other for Profit, Non-for-Profit Institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

TABLE 1.—ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Forms	No. of respondents (A)	Frequency of responses (B)	Burden hours per respondent (C)	Annual responses (D)	Total annual burden hours (AxBxC)
FEMA Form:					
81-40	5000	1	2.50	2100	5,250
81-41	5000	1	2.50	3300	8,250
81-41A	5000	1	1.00	3500	3,500
81-42	5000	1	0.08	3500	280
81-42A	5000	1	2.00	260	520
81-43	5000	1	0.07	3500	245
81-44	5000	1	0.10	1000	100
81-57	5000	1	0.07	3500	245
81-58	5000	1	0.07	3500	245
81-59	5000	1	0.08	2000	160
81-63	5000	1	1.00	350	350
81-96	5000	1	0.50	200	100
81-98	5000	1	0.42	260	109
81-109	5000	1	0.25	500	125
81-110	5000	1	0.25	500	125
Total	5,000	1		27,970	19,604

(1) Estimated number of policyholders who will file insurance claims due to flood damage per claims' historical trend.

(2) Estimated number of responses factoring in respondents not filling all forms.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA at email address kflee@omb.eop.gov or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. Comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 2004. In addition, interested persons may also send comments to FEMA (see contact information below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, FEMA at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316,

Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or email address

InformationCollections@fema.gov.

Dated: February 18, 2004.

Edward W. Kernan,

Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 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 a proposed new information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments on the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Credential File and Database Tracking System. This system will be used to collect data through an on-line application for the purpose of verifying credentials, licenses, and accreditation of health professional volunteers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 107-188, The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002

(42 U.S.C. Section 247d-7b) and Title III of the Public Health Act, Section 107, Emergency System for Advance Registration of Health Professions Volunteers (Part B of Title III, as amended by Sections 319 H and 319 I, Emergency System for Verification of Credentials of Health Professions Volunteers). Congress has mandated that FEMA establish a credentialing program and system to ensure that all health care professionals who volunteer for participation in the NDMS are credentialed, accredited, and licensed.

Collection of Information

Title: National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Credential File and Database Tracking System.

OMB Number: 1660-NEW3.

Form Numbers: E-Form 90-136, Office of Emergency Response

Credentialing System On-Line Application.

Abstract: FEMA will collect information conducive to the verification and credentialing of volunteer health care providers for the NDMS. The credentialing process is aimed at securing a qualified and competent medical response force. Participation is voluntary. However, refusal by a team member or an applicant to provide personal, educational, and training information will result in their credentials not being verified and authenticated, thus rendering them ineligible to serve.

Affected Public: Individuals and households—volunteer individuals in health care and related occupations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,584.

FEMA forms	No. of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C)
On-line	750 Medical Doctors	1	3	2,250
On-line	5,667 Others	1	2 ⁽¹⁾	11,334
Total	6,417	1		13,584

⁽¹⁾ Average of 1-3 hours based on occupation-specific requested information.

Estimated Cost to Respondents: There is no capital or start-up cost to respondents resulting from this information collection other than the wage rate equivalent for time spent filling out the application form. Based on a pay scale ranging from GS-05 to GS-15 and average completion time of 2.5 hours, the cost per respondent to provide the information averages \$34 per hour. The total estimated annual cost to respondents for this information collection is \$461,856.

Estimated Cost to the Agency: \$1.48 million over a 3-year period, which averages \$493,333 per year.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of

responses. Comments must be received on or before April 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, FEMA at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or email address InformationCollections@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact CAPT Ana Marie Balingit-Wines, Credentialing Program Manager, FEMA/NDMS at 301-443-2057. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed information collection (see addressee information above).

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Edward W. Kernan,

Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1507-DR]

Ohio; Amendment No. 3 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Ohio (FEMA-1507-DR), dated January 26, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 13, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Ohio is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 26, 2004: