

until the close of business on November 25, 1996 and for economic injury until the close of business on June 26, 1997 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, New York 14303, or other locally announced locations.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 290306 for Pennsylvania, 290406 for New York, and 290506 for Ohio. For economic injury the numbers are 919400 for Pennsylvania, 919500 for New York, and 919600 for Ohio.

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Dated: September 26, 1996.

John T. Spotila,

*Acting Administrator.*

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**[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2896; Amendment #1]**

**Puerto Rico; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area**

In accordance with notices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated September 14, 16, and 18, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include the Municipalities of Adjuntas, Aguada, Aguadilla, Aibonito, Anasco, Arecibo, Augas Buenas, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Cabo Rojo, Caguas, Camuy, Ciales, Cidra, Comerio, Corozal, Dorado, Florida, Guayanilla, Humacao, Isabela, Jayuya, Juncos, Laaeres, Las Marias, Maricao, Mayaguez, Moca, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovis, Patillas, Penuelas, Rincon, San Sebastian, San German, Toa Alta, Utuado, Vega Alta, Vega Baja, and Yauco in the Commonwealth of Puerto

Rico as a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Hortense beginning on September 9, 1996 and continuing.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous municipalities in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location: Guanica, Hatillo, Hormigueros, Lajas, Manati, Quebradillas, Sabana Grande, and Villalba.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is November 11, 1996, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is June 11, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Date: September 26, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2895; Amendment #1]**

**Virginia; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area**

In accordance with notices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated September 13, 16, and 24, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include the Independent Cities of Bedford, Buena Vista, Emporia, Lexington, and Lynchburg, and the Counties of Alleghany (including the Independent Cities of Clifton Forge and Covington), Amherst, Appomattox, Brunswick, Campbell, Charlotte, Culpeper, Fauquier, Franklin, Frederick (including the Independent City of Winchester), Greene, Greensville, Henry, Highland, Louisa, Lunenburg, Montgomery (including the Independent City of Radford), Orange, Prince Edward, Roanoke (including the Independent Cities of Roanoke and Salem), and Stafford in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Fran and associated severe storm conditions, including high winds, tornadoes, wind driven rain, and river and flash flooding beginning on September 5, 1996 and continuing

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location: Amelia, Caroline, Craig,

Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Floyd, Fluvanna, Giles, Goochland, Hanover, King George, Nottoway, Patrick, Prince William, Pulaski, Southampton, Spotsylvania (including the Independent City of Fredericksburg), and Sussex in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Greenbrier and Monroe Counties in West Virginia.

Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been previously declared under a separate declaration for the same occurrence.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is November 6, 1996, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is June 9, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

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Bernard Kulik,

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice No. 2446]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment and Associated Bodies; Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 1996, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fortieth session of the Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for February 10-14, 1997, at IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Among other things, items of particular interest are: role of the human element in maritime casualties—guidelines for engine room layout; voyage data recorders; revision of the High Speed Craft Code; ro-ro ferry & bulk carrier safety matters; matters relating to lifesaving; safety of passenger submersible craft; safe ocean towing guidelines; and ship structures matters.

IMO works to develop international agreements, guidelines, and standards for the marine industry. In most cases, these form the basis for class society rules and national standards/regulations. The U.S. Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Working Group supports

the U.S. Representative to the IMO Subcommittee in developing the U.S. position on those issues raised at the IMO Subcommittee meetings. The U.S. SOLAS Working Group serves as an excellent forum for the U.S. maritime industry to express their ideas and participate in the international rulemaking process. All members of the maritime industry are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the development of U.S. positions on those issues affecting your maritime industry and remain abreast of all activities ongoing within the IMO.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: CDR Jim Stamm, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE), 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-2206.

Dated: September 17, 1996.

Stephen M. Miller,

*Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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[Public Notice No. 2453]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Ocean Dumping; Notice of Meeting**

The subcommittee on Ocean Dumping of the Shipping Coordinating Committee will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to obtain public comment on the issues to be addressed October 28–November 8, 1996, at the Special Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the London Convention of 1972, which regulates ocean dumping. The results of Nineteenth Meeting of the Scientific Group, held in May 1996, will also be an item for discussion.

The public meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20460, in the Eighth Floor Conference Room of the West Tower. Interested members of the public are invited to attend, up to the capacity of the room. Upon entering the West Tower, those without government identification should dial 260-8199 to obtain clearance.

For further information, please contact Mr. Bryan Wood-Thomas, Office of International Activities, telephone (202) 260-6983.

Dated: October 2, 1996.

Stephen M. Miller,

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of currently approved collections. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burdens. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on July 15, 1996 (FR 61, page 36954-36955).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sylvia Barney, (202) 366-6680, and refer to the OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

1. *Title:* Title VI As It Applies to FTA Grant Programs.

*Type of Request:* Extension to a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0540.

*Affected Public:* FTA grant recipients.

*Abstract:* Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." This information collection is required by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Title VI Regulation, 28 CFR Part 42, Subpart F (Section 42.406), and DOT Order 1000.12. FTA policies and requirements are designed to clarify and strengthen these regulations. This requirement is applicable to all applicants, recipients, and sub

recipients receiving Federal financial assistance. Experience has demonstrated that a program requirement at the application stage is necessary to assure that benefits and services are equitably distributed by grant recipients. The requirements prescribed by the Office of Civil Rights accomplish that objective while diminishing possible vestiges of discrimination among FTA grant recipients. FTA's assessment of this requirement indicated that the formulation and implementation of the Title VI program should occur with a decrease in costs to such applicants and recipients.

All FTA grant applicants, recipients, and sub recipients are required to submit applicable Title VI information to the FTA Office of Civil Rights for review and approval. If FTA did not conduct pre-award reviews, solutions would not be generated in advance and program improvements could not be integrated into projects. FTA's experience with pre-award reviews for all projects and grants suggests this method contributes to maximum efficiency and cost effectiveness of FTA dollars and has kept post-award complaints to a minimum. Moreover, the objective of the Title VI statute can be more easily attained and beneficiaries of FTA funded programs have a greater likelihood of receiving transit services and related benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* The estimated annual burden is 2,883 hours.

2. *Title:* Nondiscrimination As It Applies to FTA Grant Programs.

*Type of Request:* Extension to a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2132-0542.

*Affected Public:* FTA grant recipients.

*Abstract:* All entities receiving Federal financial assistance from FTA are prohibited from discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, or disability. To ensure that FTA's equal employment opportunity (EEO) procedures are followed, FTA requires grant recipients to submit written EEO plans to FTA for approval. FTA's assessment of this requirement shows that the formulating, submitting, and implementing of EEO programs should minimally increase costs for FTA applicants and recipients.

To determine a grantee's compliance with applicable laws and requirements, grantee submissions are evaluated and analyzed based on the following criteria. First, an EEO program must include an EEO policy statement issued by the chief executive officer covering all