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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposed collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning information required by FEMA to revise National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Maps to reflect natural and man made changes to the one-percent annual chance floodplain.

Supplementary Information. With the passage of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 an owner of a structure, with a federally backed mortgage, located in the one-percent annual chance (base flood) floodplain was required to purchase federal flood insurance. This was in response to the escalating damage caused by flooding and the unavailability of flood insurance from commercial insurance companies. As part of this effort FEMA mapped the one-percent annual chance floodplain in communities. However, due to the occurrence of natural or man made changes in the floodplain the boundaries of the one-percent annual chance floodplain will change. When scientific or technical data is submitted to FEMA reflecting these changes FEMA will revise the NFIP Maps to reflect the new information, as warranted.

Collection of Information

Title. Consultation with local officials to assure compliance with Sections 110 and 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Revisions to National Flood Insurance Program Maps).

Type of Information Collection. Revision.

OMB Number: 3067-0148.

Abstract. These certification forms (referred to MT-2 series forms) will provide FEMA with assurances that all pertinent data relating to revisions to

effective Flood Insurance Studies are included in the submittal of requests for revisions. They will also assure that all individuals and organizations impacted by the changes are aware of the changes and have had an opportunity to comment on them. FEMA uses the information to review the assumptions made, parameters used, and results for technical accuracy, and to ensure that the required hydraulic models to revise the Flood Insurance Study (FIS), Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and Flood Boundaries and Floodway Maps (FBFM) are included with the initial submittal.

FEMA Forms. FEMA Form 81-89, Revision Requester and Community Official Form, describes the location of the revision request, what is being requested, and which forms are required for the request. It also allows a registered professional engineer or land surveyor to certify that the submitted data is correct.

FEMA Form 81-89A, Credit Card Information, outlines the information required to process a request when the requester is paying by credit card.

FEMA Form 81-89B, Hydrologic Analysis Form, used to submit a revised hydrologic analysis if a revision request is based on revised flood discharges.

FEMA Form 81-89C, Riverine Hydraulic Analysis Form, used to submit a hydraulic analysis if a revision request is based on improved hydrologic data/analysis, improved hydraulic analysis, or physical changes to the hydraulics of the flooding source.

FEMA Form 81-89D, Riverine/Coastal Mapping Form, ensures that everything required to be shown on the topographic work map in order to revise the FIRM and FBFM is included with the initial submittal. It also ensures that fill was placed in accordance with NFIP regulations 44 CFR 65.6(a)(6).

FEMA Form 81-89E, Channelization Form, describes the channelization project and its impact on the 100-year water-surface elevation.

FEMA Form 81-89F, Bridge/Culvert Form, describes the bridge or culvert and its impacts on the 100-year water-surface elevation.

FEMA Form 81-89G, Levee/Floodwall System Analyses Form, ensures that a levee or floodwall was constructed in accordance with NFIP regulation 44 CFR 65.10, which requires that levees being credited with providing protection from a 100-year flood event meet certain criteria.

FEMA Form 81-89H, Coastal Analysis Form, used to submit a revised coastal analysis if a revision is based on improved coastal analysis or physical changes to the coastal area.

FEMA Form 81-89I, Coastal Structures Form, describes the coastal structure and its impacts on the 100-year flood elevations.

FEMA Form 81-89J, Dam Form, describes a dam and its impact on the 100-year flood elevations.

FEMA Form 81-89K, Alluvial Fan Flooding Form, ensures that certain analyses required by NFIP regulation 44 CFR 65.13 be performed for alluvial fan flooding.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours. 7,074.

Estimated Number of Responses. 900.

Estimated Hours Per Response. 7.86.

Estimated Cost. \$353,700.

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 should be received by June 6, 1997.

ADDRESSEE: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 311, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cecelia Lynch, FEMA, Mitigation Directorate at (202) 646-2747 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

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