

New York and Bennington and Windham Counties in Vermont constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by a fire in the Town of Great Barrington which occurred on February 22, 1997. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on May 30, 1997 and for economic injury until the close of business on December 31, 1997 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875
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	7.250
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses And Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical and economic injury damage are 294105 and 944600 for Massachusetts, 294205 and 944700 for Connecticut, 294305 and 944800 for New York, and 294405 and 944900 for Vermont.

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

Dated: March 31, 1997.

Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2937, Amdt. 3]

State of Tennessee

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated March 24, 1997, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on February 28, 1997 and continuing through March 24, 1997.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is May

6, 1997, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is December 8, 1997.

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

Dated: March 31, 1997.

Bernard Kulik,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 6⁵/₈ percent for the April-June quarter of FY 97.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.932, the maximum legal interest rate for a commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be the greater of 6% over the New York prime rate. The initial rate for a fixed rate loan shall be the legal rate for the term of the loan.

Jane Palsgrove Butler,

Acting Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Request Renewal From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of Current Public Collections of Information

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on six currently approved public information collections which will be submitted to OMB for renewal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on any of these collections may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judith Street, Room 612, Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800

Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judith Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA solicits comments on any of the current collections of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection. Following are short synopses of the six, currently approved public information collection activities, which will be submitted to OMB for review and renewal:

1. 2120-0033, Representatives of the Administrator, FAR 183. Title 49, U.S.C., Section 44702, authorizes appointment of properly qualified private persons to be representatives of the Administrator for examining, testing, and certifying airmen for the purpose of issuing them airmen certificates. The information collected is used to determine eligibility of the representatives. There is an estimate of 8,500 respondents who will take an hour or less to prepare the appropriate application form for the job for which they are applying. This submission will no longer cover the application for airmen medical examiners since that reporting burden now has its own OMB control number of 2120-0604.

2. 2120-0045, Bird Strike Incident/Ingestion Report. Bird strike data are collected to develop standards and monitor hazards to aviation. Data identify bird strike control requirements and provide in-service data on aircraft component failure. We estimate 2000 incident reports annually at approximately 5 minutes per report.

3. 2120-0557, Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program. The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) authorizes airports to impose passenger facility charges. FAR Part 158 recordkeeping/reporting requirements affect two groups of respondents—air carriers and public agencies. It is estimated that there will be 100 respondents and the total would be 50,000 hours annually.

4. 2120-0559, FAA Research and Development Grants. The FAA Aviation Research and Development Grants Program establishes uniform policies and procedures for the award and administration of research grants to colleges, universities, not-for-profit organizations, and profit organizations for security research. This program implements OMB Circular A-110,