

have created a separate Bureau file number (CCB-IAD File No. 98-101) for all pleadings concerning the monitoring program.

7. In addition, we seek comment on whether we should supplement the Monitoring Report data on federal mechanisms with corresponding data on state universal service mechanisms. One of the Commission's fundamental goals in the *Universal Service Order* was to "create sustainable and harmonious federal and state methods of continuously fulfilling universal service goals" in cooperation with the Universal Service Joint Board. If we were to include data on state universal service support mechanisms in the Monitoring Reports, they would present a more comprehensive picture of the impact of both federal and state universal service support mechanisms on the industry and customers, materially enhancing the usefulness of the monitoring program. We note, however, that the federal universal service mechanisms are designed to address that portion of the cost of providing telecommunications services that is attributable to interstate service. Accordingly, and in light of these universal service goals, we seek comment on whether it would be appropriate, useful, and feasible to include state data in the Monitoring Reports.

8. Given the close relationship between the Commission's previous universal service support mechanisms and those new support mechanisms outlined in the *Universal Service Order*, we propose to adopt the structure and content of the past Monitoring Reports, *i.e.*, those issued in CC Docket 87-339, with modifications described herein. The new Monitoring Reports, proposed in the Public Notice, contain eleven sections, each described in the Public Notice. To address certain new aspects of the universal service support mechanisms, we propose to add four sections to the Monitoring Report. These new sections would report data on: (1) contributions to the universal service support mechanisms and accompanying industry revenue information; (2) the new rural health care mechanism; (3) the new schools and libraries mechanism; and (4) quality of service.

III. Procedural Issues

9. *Procedures for Filing.* Interested parties may file comments in CC Docket No. 96-45 not later than May 26, 1998. Reply comments may be filed not later than June 10, 1998. All filings should refer to the pleadings as Program to Monitor Impacts of Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 96-45, CCB-IAD File No. 98-101. One original

and four copies of all comments must be sent to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies should also be sent to Ms. Terry Conway, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2033 M Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of documents filed with the Commission may be obtained from the International Transcription Service (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, D.C., Monday, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (202) 418-0270.

10. This proceeding is a non-restricted proceeding. See 47 CFR 1.1200(a), 1.1206. Accordingly, *ex parte* presentations are permitted, provided that they are disclosed in conformance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

11. *Paperwork Reduction Act.* We note that substantially all of the data included in the proposed Monitoring Reports is obtained pursuant to existing information collections that have previously been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law No. 104-13. We tentatively conclude that certain proposals in this Public Notice might be subject to approval by the OMB, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, since they might impose new or modified collection requirements. Our analysis indicates that the following proposals may require OMB approval: (1) any collection of voluntarily submitted data from states concerning state universal service mechanisms (See paragraph 9 of the Public Notice); (2) any expansion of the Commission's local rate survey (See paragraphs 37-38 of the Public Notice); and (3) collection of certain usage data (See paragraph 43-45 of the Public Notice). All other proposals associated with the program either require responses from fewer than ten parties or are continuations of requirements that already have OMB approval. We invite the general public to comment on the new or modified information collections. Comments should address: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of

collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

National Flood Insurance Program; Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice of certain changes to the FEMA Standard Flood Hazard Determination form, which form is used to ensure that buildings and mobile homes located within an identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) will be covered by flood insurance. We invite public comment on the changes to the form.

DATES: Please submit any comments in writing on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please submit any comments to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 840, Washington, DC 20472, (facsimile) (202) 646-4536, or (email) rules@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of our implementation of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, FEMA published a final rule at 60 FR 35276, July 6, 1995, to establish a standard form for determining whether a building or mobile home is located in an SFHA, whether flood insurance is required, and whether federal flood insurance is available. The federal entities for lending regulation published a final rule (60 FR 35286, July 6, 1995) requiring use of the form. Use of the form by federally regulated lenders became mandatory on January 2, 1996. The OMB number for the current form expires on April 30, 1998 but OMB has extended the expiration date for an additional 90 days.

During the two years that this form has been in use, many users have commented on the form asking FEMA to make minor changes and clarifications. By separate rule published today in the **Federal Register** we have removed the form from 44 CFR part 65, Appendix A.

The form will continue in use and will continue to be available by written request, by fax-on-demand, and through the Internet at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip/mpurfi.htm>. Removal of the form from the Code of Federal Regulations will enhance FEMA's ability to incorporate changes to the form outside of the rulemaking process, while continuing to provide full notice of the availability of the form to the public and to affected parties. By this notice we propose changes to the form and we request comments on the proposed changes from the public and from other Federal agencies.

Our proposed changes to the form include:

(1) a new reference to Otherwise Protected Areas (OPAs) in Section C, "Federal Flood Insurance Availability." OPAs have restrictions on the sale of flood insurance similar to those on Coastal Barrier Resources Areas;

(2) a minor wording change to Section D, "Determination," to simplify the statement as follows: The parenthetical phrase (Zones beginning with the letters "A" or "V") would be changed to (Zones containing the letters "A" or "V");

(3) numbering of the items listed in Sections A, B, and C to facilitate their reference in the instructions.

(4) revision of the instructions to include some clarifications and to include information on the form's availability via the FEMA fax-on-demand line and Internet site.

We notified users informally about the proposed revision by letter dated January 23, 1998, including lending regulators, federal agency lenders, government-sponsored enterprises for housing, flood zone determination companies, and lender trade associations.

Collection of Information

Title: Standard Flood Hazard Determination.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 3067-0264.

Form Number: Form Number 83-91, Standard Flood Hazard Determination.

Abstract. Federally regulated lending institutions (or third party), federal agency lenders, and government-sponsored enterprises for housing, complete this form when making, increasing, extending, renewing or purchasing any loan to document the factors considered when determining whether flood insurance is required and whether flood insurance is available. The statutory requirement for these

parties to determine whether a building or mobile home securing a loan is located in an area having special flood hazards and whether flood insurance is available was first enacted in the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. The Standard Flood Hazard Determination form was later required by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 and provides a consistent method for documenting the required information.

Federally regulated lending institutions, federal agency lenders, and government-sponsored enterprises for housing process an estimated 12,000,000 loan applications each year that require the information. If they do not collect the information on the revised Standard Flood Hazard Determination form for each loan, then federally-backed loans may be inadequately insured against flood losses. Flood insurance is designed to decrease the financial impact of flooding on the federal government, on taxpayers, and on citizens in areas prone to flooding.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours. 4,000,000 hours.

FEMA form	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A×B×C)
81-93	12,000,000	1	.33	4,000,000

Estimated Cost. \$99,000,000 (12,000,000 × .33 × \$25 = \$99,000,000).

Comments

FEMA does not collect the information contained on the Standard Flood Hazard Determination form. FEMA developed the form in response to a congressional mandate to establish a standard form for determining whether a building or mobile home is located in an SFHA and whether federal flood insurance is available. This form is considered a recordkeeping requirement. FEMA is soliciting written

comments (a) to evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) to 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) to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) to 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.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

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Associate Director for Mitigation.

FEMA Form 81-93, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Standard Flood Hazard Determination, as proposed to be amended, reads as follows:

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY STANDARD FLOOD HAZARD DETERMINATION		<i>See The Attached Instructions</i>	<i>O.M.B. No. 3067-0264 Expires April 30, 1998</i>	
SECTION I - LOAN INFORMATION				
1. LENDER NAME AND ADDRESS		2. COLLATERAL (Building/Mobile Home/Personal Property) PROPERTY ADDRESS <i>(Legal Description may be attached)</i>		
3. LENDER ID. NO.	4. LOAN IDENTIFIER	5. AMOUNT OF FLOOD INSURANCE REQUIRED \$		
SECTION II				
A. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) COMMUNITY JURISDICTION				
1. NFIP Community Name	2. County(ies)	3. State	4. NFIP Community Number	
B. NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) DATA AFFECTING BUILDING/MOBILE HOME				
1. NFIP Map Number or Community-Panel Number <i>(Community name, if not the same as "A")</i>	2. NFIP Map Panel Effective/ Revised Date	3. LOMA/LOMR <input type="checkbox"/> yes _____ Date	4. Flood Zone	5. No NFIP Map
C. FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE AVAILABILITY (Check all that apply)				
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Flood insurance is available <i>(community participates in NFIP)</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Program <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Program of NFIP				
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Flood insurance is not available because community is not participating in the NFIP.				
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Building/Mobile Home is in a Coastal Barrier Resources Area (CBRA) or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA), Federal Flood insurance may not be available. CBRA/OPA designation date: _____				
D. DETERMINATION				
IS BUILDING/MOBILE HOME IN SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (ZONES CONTAINING THE LETTERS "A" OR "V")? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
If yes, flood insurance is required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.				
If no, flood insurance is not required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.				
E. COMMENTS (Optional): 				
This determination is based on examining the NFIP map, any Federal Emergency Management Agency revisions to it, and any other information needed to locate the building/mobile home on the NFIP map.				
F. PREPARER'S INFORMATION				
NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(If other than Lender)</i>			DATE OF DETERMINATION	