

Upfront Payments—November 5, 2001
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As a result of this action, the FM Minor Change Application Freeze Public Notice announced on January 19, 2001, (not published in the **Federal Register**) and scheduled to be effective from March 7, 2001 to March 19, 2001, is no longer necessary, and is lifted. The temporary freeze on minor change applications was designed to ensure that conflicts do not occur between minor change and preferred auction site proposals, a result that could add uncertainty and delay to the auction process. The freeze also applied to reserved band minor change applications because conflicts between such applications and preferred site coordinates are also possible.

Federal Communications Commission.

Lisa Scanlan,

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice of information collection to be submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the FDIC hereby gives notice that it plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for OMB review and approval of the information collection system described below.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Title: Occasional Qualitative Surveys.
OMB Number: 3064-0127.

Annual Burden:

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,000.

Estimated time per response: 1 hour.

Average annual burden hours: 5,000 hours.

Expiration Date of OMB Clearance: March 31, 2001.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

FDIC Contact: Tamara R. Manly, (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room F-4058, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429.

Comments: Comments on this collection of information are welcome and should be submitted on or before April 18, 2001 to both the OMB reviewer and the FDIC contact listed above.

ADDRESSES: Information about this submission, including copies of the proposed collection of information, may be obtained by calling or writing the FDIC contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The collection involves the occasional use of qualitative surveys to gather anecdotal information about regulatory burden, problems or successes in the bank supervisory process (including both safety-and-soundness and consumer-related exams), and similar concerns.

Dated: March 13, 2001.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed revised information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the Emergency Management Exercise Reporting System (EMERS) which collects data on the results of a State or local exercise or actual disaster response.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EMERS was designed in 1992 as a means of capturing information on the positive and negative results based on the conduct of an emergency management exercise or an actual disaster response. The revised EMERS 2.0 is an automated data collection software program that is Windows-based and will allow State

and local emergency managers to download the program from a FEMA web site. It is based on 13 functional areas: Alert/Notification (Emergency Response); Warning (Public); Communication; Coordination/Control; Emergency Public Information; Damage Assessment; Health & Medical; Individual/Family Assistance; Public Safety; Public Works/Engineering; Transportation; Resource Management; and Continuity of Government.

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288, as amended) title III, section 313, states:

The President shall conduct annual reviews of activities of Federal agencies and State and local governments in major disaster and emergency preparedness and in providing major disaster and emergency assistance in order to assure maximum coordination and effectiveness of such program and consistency in policies for reimbursement of States under this Act.

Title VI, section 613 (a)(5) concerning financial contributions to States for necessary and essential State and local emergency preparedness personnel and administrative expenses provides that the State "shall make such report in such form and content as the Director may require."

Collection of Information

Title: Emergency Management Exercise Reporting System (EMERS).

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, with change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

OMB Number: 3067-0248.

Form Numbers: 95-44.

Abstract: EMERS is an automated data collection software program that captures the positive and negative results of emergency management exercises and actual disaster occurrences. This data is used to analyze the capabilities of State and local governments to respond to disasters. FEMA will use this data to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses and actions that can be taken at the national level to improve programs that deliver funding to State and local governments. State and local governments use EMERS data to track exercise activity on an annual basis and to use the lessons learned for the development of corrective action plans, strategic planning and budgeting.

Affected Public: State, Local and/or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,668.

Estimated Cost: Cost to the Federal Government is \$122,449. The cost to State and local governments is \$89,700.

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 within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Program Services Division, Operations Support Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Hildebrand, Preparedness, Training & Exercises Directorate, Readiness Division, Program Development Branch, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, or call (202) 646-3114 or email bruce.hildebrand@fema.gov for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 or by facsimile number (202) 646-3524 or by email muriel.Anderson@fema.gov for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: March 12, 2001.
Reginald Trujillo,
Director, Program Services Division,
Operations Support Directorate.
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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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed new information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning a national review of local mitigation planning.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are three FEMA programs that provide either direct funding or insurance incentives in order to promote mitigation planning at the local level. They are the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA), the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System. Project Impact funds may also be used for local mitigation planning but will be excluded from this evaluation since the program has a separate evaluation instrument with the University of Delaware.

Anecdotal information regarding the value of hazard mitigation planning in

producing viable and effective mitigation actions exists, but this has never been studied in a systematic way. The purpose of this review will be to (1) assess the impact that FEMA's local Mitigation planning initiatives have had on local planning; (2) identify communities with successful mitigation plans and (3) document "best practices" that led to the formulation of successful plans. For example, there is the assumption that the FMA planning requirement promotes successful projects. However, there is a need to objectively evaluate whether this is a true statement, and if so, why. As a result, this objective review will give us a better opportunity to understand planning effectiveness and "best practices".

Collection of Information

Title. Review of Local Mitigation Planning Initiatives and Practices.

Type of Information Collection. New.
OMB Number: NEW.

Abstract. The purpose of this information collection, in the form of a survey, is to support the FEMA Mitigation Directorate and the Office of the Inspector General in conducting a national review of local mitigation planning. The goal of the survey is to determine the extent to which communities are formulating, adopting and adhering to local mitigation plans, and to review the overall quality of these plans. Additional goals are to document the "best practices" and identify characteristics of successful planning programs at the local level.

Affected Public: Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 563.

| Year of FEMA survey | No. of respondent (A) ¹ | Annual frequency of survey (B) | No. of questions/average minutes to answer | Burden hours per respondents (C) ² | Annual burden (A x B x C) |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| 2001 | 125 | 1 | 36/2.5 minutes | 1.50 | 187.50 |
| 2002 | 125 | 1 | 36/2.5 minutes | 1.50 | 187.50 |
| 2003 | 125 | 1 | 36/2.5 minutes | 1.50 | 187.50 |
| Total | 375 | 1 | | ³ 1.50 | 562.50 |

¹ The audit sampling plan calls for 90 communities to be contacted. However, we anticipate that we may need to interview more than one official per community because a single official may not know the answer to all survey questions. We assumed that less than half of the 90 communities would require a second interview. Even if all 90 communities require a second interview, neither respondent would answer all of the survey questions.

² Burden hours were calculated by: 1. Multiplying the number of questions by the average number of minutes required to answer each question (i.e., 36 questions x 2.5 minutes = 90 minutes) and 2. Dividing the product of 1) by 60 minutes (i.e., 90 minutes/60 minutes = 1.50 hours).

³ The respondents are State or local community officials that hold positions of authority within their organizations. Based on their positions as experts in their field, they are generally expected to offer their professional opinions about Federal programs and initiatives. We anticipate that the interview may take longer than a typical survey because we are not offering the respondent a choice of answers. Our respondents will need time to formulate an answer and explain it.