

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, 725–17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Temporary Protected Status.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I–821. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information provided on this collection is used by the DHS to determine whether an applicant for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) meets the eligibility requirements. Such TPS benefits include employment authorization and relief from the threat of removal or deportation from the U.S. while in such status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 176,000 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 88,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202–514–3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Steve Cooper, PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Information Officer, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4626–36, Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: March 23, 2004.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The submission describes the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

*Title:* Approval and Coordination of Requirements to Use the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) for Extracurricular Training Activities.

*OMB Number:* 1660–0029.

*Abstract:* FEMA Form 75–10, Request for Housing Accommodations, will be used by respondents to request housing accommodations at the NETC campus. FEMA Form 75–11, Request for Use of NETC Facilities, is used by respondents to request to use NETC facilities for extracurricular training activities. Extracurricular training is training over and above regularly scheduled training sessions of the National Fire Academy and Emergency Management Institute. The policy of the NETC is to accommodate other training activities on a space-available basis at the Emmitsburg campus. In order for NETC to approve and schedule the use of its facilities, information must be provided by special group organizations. A written, e-mail or telephone request for use of NETC facilities is initially made to determine availability of the facilities. If space is available, the contact person for the special group must follow up by completing FEMA Form 75–11 to provide information on the number of participants, meals, and special requirements. The information is used to assign classrooms, schedule equipment, and arrange for food service.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government; Individuals or households; and Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,600.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* FEMA Form 75–10—5 minutes; FEMA Form 75–11—10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 142 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA at email address [kflee@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kflee@omb.eop.gov) or facsimile number (202) 395–7285. Comments must be submitted on or before April 26, 2004. In addition, interested persons may also send comments to FEMA (see contact information below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, FEMA at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646–3347, or e-mail address: [InformationCollections@dhs.gov](mailto:InformationCollections@dhs.gov).

Dated: March 1, 2004.  
**Edward W. Kernan,**  
*Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**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 on the

enhancement of an existing Web-based database of Mitigation Success Stories, which documents mitigation and flood insurance strategies that worked well for different hazards, mitigation activities or project types. The All-hazards Success Story Database promotes mitigation practices that encourage communities, individuals, and other key decision-makers to take action to reduce hazard risks.

*Supplementary Information:* The Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) requires agencies to set missions and goals, and measure performance against them. FEMA will partially fulfill these requirements by collecting and sharing information describing successful mitigation and flood insurance practices occurring in communities nationwide. The Mitigation Success Stories database addresses FEMA's strategic goal of reducing the loss of life and property due to disasters through communications strategies aimed at assisting individuals, governments, and communities make sound risk management decisions.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mitigation Success Story Database.

*Type of Information Collection:* Existing collection in use without OMB approval.

*OMB Number:* 1660-NEW6.

*Abstract:* Early mitigation actions, which focus on the prevention of loss of life and less damage to buildings and other structures, have been implemented throughout the United States. This database serves a dual purpose in providing a venue for gaining and disseminating knowledge about effective and efficient mitigation strategies implemented in communities nationwide. Federal, State, local officials or individuals experienced in hazard mitigation projects, community planning and floodplain administration, and other mitigation and flood insurance related projects constitute typical respondents to this information collection. The database offers visitors of the FEMA Web site a centralized, user-friendly venue to search a variety of best practices, success stories, and mitigation projects. By sharing information, communities and individuals can learn about available Federal programs to support the implementation of mitigation projects relevant to individual conditions and characteristics.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; Businesses or Other for-Profit and Not-for-Profit Organizations; and Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 563 Hours.

**ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, etc.)	No. of respondents (A)	Frequency of responses (B)	Burden hours per respondent (C)	Annual responses (AxB)	Total annual burden hours (AxBxC)
Mitigation Success Story Database Submissions:					
Electronic .....	15	1	1.5	15	23
Personal .....	135	1	4.0	135	540
Total .....	150	1	.....	150	563

*Estimated Cost:* \$49,382.00

**ANNUAL COST TO RESPONDENTS (BURDEN HOURS)**

Program	Burden hrs	Average hr. rate (\$)	Average cost per respondent (\$)	Annualized cost all respondents (\$)
Database Submissions				
Electronic .....	23	22.50	34.00	782.00
Personal .....	540	22.50	90.00	48,600.00
Grand Total .....	563	.....	.....	49,382.00

*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