

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, telephone the Designated Federal Official as soon as possible.

Dated: September 13, 2004.

Nancy J. Wong,

Designated Federal Official for NIAC.

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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 a proposed continuing information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the need to conduct a continuous evaluation of emergency management training programs as it relates to the knowledge and skills gained by participants through the various courses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 44 CFR part 360 implements the Emergency Management Training Program, designed to increase States' emergency management capabilities through training of personnel with responsibilities over preparedness, response, and recovery from all types of disasters. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288) as amended, authorizes training programs for emergency preparedness for State, local and tribal government personnel. In response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the information obtained from the Emergency Management Institute "Follow-up Evaluation Survey," will be a follow-up tool used to evaluate the knowledge and/or skills participants obtained at EMI during training courses,

and to improve Emergency Management Institute courses. The information is critical to determine if the Emergency Management Institute is meeting strategic goals and objectives established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to fulfill its mission.

Collection of Information

Title: Emergency Management Institute Follow-up Evaluation Survey.

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

OMB Number: 1660-0044.

Form Numbers: 95-56.

Abstract: FEMA Form 95-56, is a self-assessment tool to identify knowledge and skills gained by trainees in the various emergency management-related courses taken. The information collected is used to: (1) Document and measure the performance of the training program to comply with mandates from the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and accountability reporting requirements, and (2) conduct reviews of course contents and offerings by program officials in order to make modifications to improve effectiveness and efficiency based on survey results.

Affected Public: Federal, State, local or tribal government officials.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 600 burden 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 (A × B)	Total annual burden hours (A × B × C)
FF 95-56	2,200	^a 1	0.25	2,200	550
Pilot Test-e-mail	100	1	0.50	100	50
Total	2,300			2,300	600

^a Frequency of response is dependent on how many courses the individual student takes.

Estimated Cost: The annualized cost estimate of this collection for each individual participant is \$8.00 per course evaluation and \$16.00 for a one-time only participation in a pilot test of sending the questionnaires via e-mail. Annualized cost for all respondents is \$5,200.00.

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 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 Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information

Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, or e-mail address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov, or facsimile number (202) 646-3347.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Dennis Hickethier, Supervisory Training Specialist, National Emergency Training Center, phone number (301) 447-1148, for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at the above e-mail address or facsimile number.

Dated: September 20, 2004.

Edward W. Kernan,

*Branch Chief, Information Resources
Management Branch, Information
Technology Services Division.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1554-DR]

Georgia; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the
Presidential declaration of a major
disaster for the State of Georgia (FEMA-
1554-DR), dated September 18, 2004,
and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 18, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal
Emergency Management Agency,
Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given that, in a letter dated
September 18, 2004, the President
declared a major disaster under the
authority of the Robert T. Stafford
Disaster Relief and Emergency
Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206
(the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in
certain areas of the State of Georgia resulting
from Hurricane Ivan beginning on September
14, 2004, and continuing, is of sufficient
severity and magnitude to warrant a major
disaster declaration under the Robert T.
Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the
Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such
a major disaster exists in the State of Georgia.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you
are hereby authorized to allocate from funds
available for these purposes, such amounts as
you find necessary for Federal disaster
assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Individual
Assistance and assistance for debris removal
and emergency protective measures
(Categories A and B) under the Public
Assistance program in the designated areas;
and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State,
and any other forms of assistance under the
Stafford Act you may deem appropriate
subject to completion of Preliminary Damage
Assessments. Direct Federal assistance is
authorized.

Consistent with the requirement that
Federal assistance be supplemental, any

Federal funds provided under the Stafford
Act for Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation,
and the Other Needs Assistance under
Section 408 of the Stafford Act will be
limited to 75 percent of the total eligible
costs. For a period of up to 72 hours, you are
authorized to fund assistance for debris
removal and emergency protective measures,
including direct Federal assistance, at 100
percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make
changes to this declaration to the extent
allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the
implementation of section 310(a),
Priority to Certain Applications for
Public Facility and Public Housing
Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for
a period not to exceed six months after
the date of this declaration.

The Federal Emergency Management
Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that
pursuant to the authority vested in the
Under Secretary for Emergency
Preparedness and Response, Department
of Homeland Security, under Executive
Order 12148, as amended, James N.
Russo, of FEMA is appointed to act as
the Federal Coordinating Officer for this
declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following
areas of the State of Georgia to have
been affected adversely by this declared
major disaster:

Carroll, Cherokee, Cobb, Dawson, DeKalb,
Early, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Madison,
Rabun, Towns, Union, and White Counties
for Individual Assistance.

Carroll, Cherokee, Cobb, Dawson, DeKalb,
Early, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Madison,
Rabun, Towns, Union, and White Counties
for Public Assistance Categories A and B,
including direct Federal assistance, at 100
percent of the total eligible costs for a period
of up to 72 hours.

All counties within the State of Georgia are
eligible to apply for assistance under the
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used
for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030,
Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora
Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis
Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services
Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment
Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management
Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and
Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and
Households Disaster Housing Operations;
97.050 Individuals and Households
Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public
Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation
Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness
and Response, Department of Homeland
Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1548-DR]

Louisiana; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice
of a major disaster for the State of
Louisiana (FEMA-1548-DR), dated
September 15, 2004, and related
determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal
Emergency Management Agency,
Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given that the incident period for
this disaster is closed effective
September 17, 2004.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used
for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030,
Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora
Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis
Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services
Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment
Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management
Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and
Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and
Households Disaster Housing Operations;
97.050 Individuals and Households Program-
Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance
Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant
Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness
and Response, Department of Homeland
Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1550-DR]

Mississippi; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

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

ACTION: Notice.