

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, 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: Evaluation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

OMB Number: 1660-NEW10.

Abstract: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its impact on land-use aimed at reducing loss of property due to floods. The study will center around six areas of inquiry through a combination of case studies, in-depth interviews, and surveys applied to an across-the-board representation of NFIP constituencies involving communities, state agencies, mortgage lenders, insurance agents, real estate brokers, developers, and individual policy and non policyholders.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, businesses, and State, local and tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 2,716.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 to 25 minutes for survey questionnaires; 90 to 120 minutes for in-depth interviews on case analysis.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,268.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

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, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or facsimile number (202) 395-7285. Comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, Section Chief, Records Management, FEMA at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

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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 continuing 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 information collection outlined in 44 CFR part 71, as it pertains to application for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insurance for buildings located in Coastal Barrier Resource System (CBRS) communities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA Pub. L. 97-3480) and the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act (CBRA Pub. L. 101-591) are Federal laws that were enacted on October 1, 1982, and November 16, 1990, respectively. The legislation was implemented as part of a Department of the Interior (DOI) initiative to preserve

the ecological integrity of areas DOI designates as coastal barriers and otherwise protected areas. The laws provide this protection by prohibiting all Federal expenditures or financial assistance including flood insurance for residential or commercial development in areas identified with the system. When an application for flood insurance is submitted for buildings located in CBRS communities, documentation must be submitted as evidence of eligibility.

FEMA regulation 44 CFR part 71 implements the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. The documentation required in 44 CFR section 71.4 is provided to FEMA for a determination that a building which is located on a designated coastal barrier and for which an application for flood insurance is being made, is neither new construction or a substantial improvement, and is, therefore, eligible for NFIP coverage. If the information is not collected, NFIP policies would be provided for buildings, which are legally ineligible for it, thus exposing the Federal Government to an insurance liability Congress chose to limit.

Collection of Information

Title: Implementation of Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

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

OMB Number: 1660-0010.

Abstract: When an application for flood insurance is submitted for buildings located in CBRS communities, one of the following types of documentation must be submitted as evidence of eligibility:

- Certification from a community official stating the building is not located in a designated CBRS area.
- A legally valid building permit or certification from a community official stating that the building's start of construction date preceded the date that the community was identified in the system.
- Certification from the governmental body overseeing the area indicating that the building is used in a manner consistent with the purpose for which the area is protected.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; and State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Hours Per Response: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 90.