

impacts associated with implementation of the selected action were identified. These included land use (land disturbance), construction noise, transportation (traffic and parking), geology (potential sinkholes), surface water resources (sedimentation, stormwater management, water supply), plant and animal ecology (displacement of deer and/or bird species), air quality (fugitive dust during construction, increased pollutant emissions during operation, increased vehicular emissions), and pollution prevention/waste management (construction wastes and handling and disposal of waste generated during operation). These potential adverse impacts were deemed to be negligible to minor, and mitigable through compliance with existing regulatory requirements, application of BMPs, and adherence to construction contract requirements.

In addition, possible adverse health and safety impacts on laboratory workers in the NBACC Facility and on nearby residents during the operational phase of the project were evaluated. The risks were deemed to be negligible to minor, and mitigable through adherence to guidelines outlined in *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*, a joint publication of the Centers for Disease Control and the NIH, as well as other standards for safe operational practices.

Since potential adverse impacts would be mitigated by compliance with existing regulatory requirements, application of BMPs, and adherence to construction contract requirements, existing regulatory reporting requirements and contract administration procedures will serve in lieu of a formal Monitoring and Enforcement Program.

### Conclusion

Based upon review and careful consideration of the impacts identified in the FEIS, results of various environmental and hazard assessment studies conducted in conjunction with the DEIS; public comments received throughout the National Environmental Policy Act process, including comments on the DEIS and comments received during the required 30-day waiting period for the FEIS, as well as other relevant factors, such as congressional intent, DHS and USAG, Fort Detrick, have decided to implement Alternative I, the Proposed Action, Construction and Operation of the NBACC Facility by DHS on a Site Adjacent to Existing USAMRIID Facilities at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Dated: January 27, 2005.

**Maureen I. McCarthy**,  
*Director, Research and Development, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.*

[FR Doc. 05-2092 Filed 2-3-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4410-10-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

#### Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of computer matching programs.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, the Department of Homeland Security is giving notice of computer matching programs that its component agency, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, will conduct with five state agencies.

**DATES:** Matching activities under the new agreements will be effective March 7, 2005, or 40 days after a report concerning the computer matching programs has been transmitted by the Department of Homeland Security to the Office of Management and Budget and transmitted to Congress with a copy of the agreements, whichever is later.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nuala O'Connor Kelly, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528 by telephone (202) 772-9848 or facsimile (202) 772-5036.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

The Privacy Act, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. The Privacy Act requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement(s) by the Data Integrity Board of the participating Federal agencies;

(3) Publish notice of the computer matching program(s) in the **Federal Register**;

(4) Furnish detailed reports about the matching programs to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB);

(5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying an individual's benefits of payments.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has taken action to ensure that these requirements are met by the matching agreements at issue in this notice.

##### B. Legal Authority

The legal authority for the relevant disclosures in these matching operations is contained in Section 21 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-603), as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (Pub. L. 104-193). This statute requires United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to establish a system for the verification of immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, certain types of benefits, and to make this system available to state agencies which administer such benefits.

##### C. The Matching Agreements

The matching agreements at issue in this notice involve information obtained from USCIS, which is the source agency. The information will be used by the recipient agencies to confirm the immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, Federal benefits assistance under the "Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements" (SAVE) Program. Specifically, the matching activities will permit the following eligibility determinations:

(1) The New York Department of Labor, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training, and the Texas Workforce Commission will be able to determine eligibility status for unemployment compensation;

(2) The California Department of Social Services will be able to determine eligibility status for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, and the Food Stamps Program;

(3) The California State Department of Health Services will be able to determine eligibility status for the Medicaid Program.

Employing user identification codes and passwords, authorized persons from the state agencies listed above may electronically access the database of the

CIS system of records entitled "Verification Information System, Justice/INS 035," last published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2002. This system of records is used to provide immigration status information to Federal, State, and local government agencies for immigrants and naturalized U.S. citizens applying for public benefits. By accessing the USCIS database, these state agencies may obtain an alien registration number for the potential applicant or beneficiary for public benefits. Where the alien registration number is located, the state agency will receive electronically from the USCIS database the following data upon which to determine eligibility: The alien registration number, last name, first name, date of birth, country of birth, social security number (if available), date of entry, immigration status data, and employment eligibility data. If the state agency determines that an alien is not entitled to public benefits, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(p), the state agency will provide the alien applicant with 30 days notice and an opportunity to contest any adverse finding before final action is taken against that alien because of ineligibility as established through the computer match.

DHS has approved agreements to permit these computer matching programs for an 18-month period. The matching program may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met. Matching activities under the new agreements will be effective 30 days after publication of this computer matching notice in the **Federal Register**, or 40 days after a report concerning the computer matching programs has been transmitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and transmitted to Congress with a copy of the agreements, whichever is later.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C 552a(o)(A) and (r), the required report has been provided to the Office of Management and Budget, and to the Congress together with a copy of the agreements.

Dated: January 30, 2005.

**Nuala O'Connor Kelly,**  
*Chief Privacy Officer.*

[FR Doc. 05-2168 Filed 2-3-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4410-10-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1573-DR]

#### Indiana; 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 declaration for the State of Indiana (FEMA-1573-DR), dated January 21, 2005, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 27, 2005.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Indiana is hereby amended to include Public Assistance in the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of January 21, 2005:

Adams and Wayne Counties for Public Assistance.

Blackford, Boone, Clinton, Delaware, Fountain, Grant, Henry, Howard, Jay, Madison, Montgomery, Randolph, Tippecanoe, Tipton, and Warren Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance.)

(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.*

[FR Doc. 05-2113 Filed 2-3-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 9110-10-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-3198-EM]

#### Ohio; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of an emergency declaration for the State of Ohio (FEMA-3198-EM), dated January 11, 2005, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 26, 2005.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of an emergency declaration for the State of Ohio is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared an emergency by the President in his declaration of January 11, 2005:

The counties of Erie, Morrow, and Wyandot for emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program for a period of 48 hours. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.036, Disaster Assistance.)

**Michael D. Brown,**

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

[FR Doc. 05-2114 Filed 2-3-05; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 9110-10-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4971-N-04]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS): Management Operations Certification

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is