

monthly basis. The regulation explains the operational and financial control procedures governing the issuance of flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by private sector property insurance companies under the WYO Program.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Write-Your-Own (WYO) Program.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0020.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Abstract:* Under the Write Your Own (WYO) Program, private sector insurance companies may offer flood insurance to eligible property owners. The Federal Government is guarantor of flood insurance coverage for WYO companies, issued under the WYO

arrangements. In order to maintain adequate financial control over Federal funds, the NFIP requires that WYO companies submit a monthly financial report. The NFIP examines the data to ensure that policyholder funds are accounted for and appropriately expended.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 679 hours.

**ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, 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)
Financial Report .....	97	12	.59 hrs (35 minutes) .....	1,164	687

*Estimated Cost:* Average cost of \$171.00 per respondent for all 12 monthly financial reports (\$14.00 per report). Combined Cost-All Respondents totals \$16,332.00.

*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 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Kevin Montgomery, Financial Management Specialist, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, (301) 918-1453 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Section for copies of the proposed

collection of information at telephone number (202) 646-2625.

Dated: July 20, 2005.

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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) is submitting a request for reinstatement of a previously approved collection of information under the emergency processing procedures in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation 5 CFR 1320.13. FEMA is requesting that this information collection be approved by August 26, 2005. The approval will authorize FEMA to use the collection through February 26, 2006. To help us with the timely processing of the emergency clearance submission to OMB, FEMA invites the general public to comment on the proposed collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 106-398, Fire Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act, Title XVII—Assistance to Firefighters, recognized that America's fire departments provide service and protection with impact far beyond the borders of the communities that support them. In order to provide this service and protection with the effectiveness, speed, and safety that their home communities and the nation as a whole demand, many fire departments, local community and state entities will need to increase their resources, in any of several categories. PL 106-398 created a fund to support worthy proposals to address these needs. But PL 106-398 also recognized that our current understanding of the magnitude and nature of fire department needs is not well defined. Furthermore, the rationale for Federal government assistance to meet these needs is also in need of greater definition, given the normal presumption that routine fire protection is a local function, set to meet locally defined goals and supported by local resources. Accordingly, PL 106-398, Section 1701, Sec. 33 (b) required that the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conduct a study to define the current role and activities associated with the fire services; determine the adequacy of current levels of funding; and provide a needs assessment to identify shortfalls.

*Collection of Information:*

*Title:* U.S. Fire Service Needs Assessment Survey.

*Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

*OMB Number:* 3067-0294.

*Abstract:* The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2004 includes a

requirement for new information in a study and report on assistance to firefighters (Sec. 3603). The Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) is directed to conduct a study, in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), to (a) "define the current roles and activities associated with the fire services on a national, State, regional, and local level;" (b) "identify the equipment, staffing, and training required to fulfill the roles and activities" defined in (a);(c) "conduct an assessment to identify gaps between what fire departments currently possess and what they require to meet the equipment, staffing, and training needs" identified under (b) "on a national and State-by-State basis"; and (d) measure the impact of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The act authorizes \$300,000 for FY 2005 for this work.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments; Not-for-Profit Institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 20 minutes (.33 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,665 hours.

*Estimated Cost:* The total cost to the Federal government is estimated at \$273,645.00. Cost to all respondents combined totals \$30,772.00 with an average cost per respondent of \$6.00. Estimated respondents cost is based on a national mean hourly rate of \$18.65 for firefighter occupations.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time only survey.

*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 information collection, 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 technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Submit comments to OMB within 30 days of the date of this notice. To ensure that FEMA is fully aware of any comments or concerns that you share with OMB, please provide us with a copy of your comments. FEMA will continue to accept comments from interested persons through September 26, 2005).

Submit comments to the FEMA address listed below:

*OMB Address:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness & Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (Proposed reinstatement of a previously approved information collection (OMB 3067-0294, U.S. Fire Service Needs Assessment Survey), facsimile number (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or at e-mail address *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

Dated: July 18, 2005.

**George S. Trotter,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4975-N-21]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request HUD-FHA Title I/Title II Lender Approval, Annual Recertification, Noncompliance Forms, Reports, Ginnie Mae Issuer Approval, and Credit Watch Termination Reinstatement

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* September 26, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or *Wayne\_Eddins@hud.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phillip A. Murray, Director, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, Assistant Secretary for Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1515 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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; (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 the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* HUD-FHA Title I/ Title II Lender Approval, Annual Recertification, Noncompliance Forms, Reports, Ginnie Mae Issuer Approval, and Credit Watch Termination Reinstatement.

*OMB Control Number, if Applicable:* 2502-0005.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, approve entities to participate as Title I lenders, Title II mortgagees, and Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities issuers. Specific information must be obtained and