

methodologies and Risk Based Decision-Making techniques. Since the facility is currently in operation, DNV considered existing safeguards documented in the Baltimore Area Maritime Security Plans, other Coast Guard safety and security assessments, Dominion's facility security assessments, and LNG Maritime Security Workshop findings. The analysis results highlighted potential safety and security risks, determined overall risk values, and identified risk management strategies.

The Resource Needs for Safety, Security and Response section identifies public and private resources along the length of the Chesapeake Bay LNG route that may be used to prevent and/or mitigate an accidental or intentional LNG carrier casualty.

Due to the sensitive nature of the information contained in the WSA, it is classified as Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and is controlled under 49 CFR part 1520. The WSA itself is, therefore, not able to be released in its entirety to the public without a "need to know" as defined in 49 CFR 1520.5. However, the general conclusions of the WSA are presented here for your information.

Based on the research, analysis, and findings in the Cove Point WSA, DNV concluded that additional LNG vessel traffic related with the Dominion Cove Point expansion project does not pose an undue hazard to the Chesapeake Bay or to the facility/vessel interface. The assessment indicates that currently employed risk management strategies at required enforcement levels for each MARSEC level offer the necessary protection to identified safety and security risks for increased LNG tanker traffic in the Chesapeake Bay and that no additional safeguards would be necessary to manage the risk to an acceptable level.

The Coast Guard will take into consideration the results of the Cove Point WSA and public comments received on its conclusions when preparing our input to FERC for inclusion in the Final EIS. The results

will also be considered as the Coast Guard prepares a Letter of Recommendation which will identify what actions and resources are necessary to make the Chesapeake Bay suitable for increased LNG traffic to Cove Point.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

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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, 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 extension of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the information collection outlined in 44 CFR part 61, as it pertains to application for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insurance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is authorized by Public Law 90-448 (1968) and expanded by Public Law 93-234 (1973). The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 requires that the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) provided flood insurance at full actuarial rates reflecting the complete flood risk to structures built or substantially improved on or after the effective date for the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the community, or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, so that the risks associated with buildings in flood-prone areas are borne by those located in such areas and not by the taxpayers at large. In accordance with Public Law 93-234, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory when Federal or federally related financial assistance is being provided for acquisition or construction of buildings located, or to be located, within FEMA-identified special flood hazard areas of communities that are participating in the NFIP.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* National Flood Insurance Program Policy Forms.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0006.

*Form Numbers:* FEMA Form 81-16, Flood Insurance Application, FEMA Form 81-17, Cancellation/Nullification Request, FEMA Form 81-18, General Change Endorsement, FEMA Form 81-25, V-Zone Risk Factor Rating, FEMA Form 81-67, Preferred Risk Application.

*Abstract:* In order to provide for the availability of policies for flood insurance, policies are marketed through the facilities of licensed insurance agents or brokers in the various States. Applications from agents or brokers are forwarded to a servicing company designated as fiscal agent by FIA. Upon receipt and examination of the application and required premium, the servicing company issues the appropriate Federal flood insurance policy.

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

**ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

FEMA NFIP policy form	Number of responses	Per form burden hours	Total burden hours
81-16 Flood Insurance Application .....	20,000 .....	12 min. ....	4,000 hrs.
81-67 Preferred Risk Application .....	5,000 .....	15 min. ....	1,000 hrs.
81-17 Cancellation .....	8,000 .....	7.5 min. ....	1,000 hrs.
81-18 Endorsement .....	75,000 .....	9 min. ....	11,250 hrs.
RPPRI Letters (to obtain missing information required for applications, endorsements, and renewals).	Because this format is used to obtain information requested but missing on, and required to process, applications, endorsements and renewals, its burden hours are not counted separately, but are included in the burden hour totals for those forms.		
81-25 V-Zone Risk Factor Rating Form .....	50 .....	6 hours .....	300 hrs.
Renewal Premium Notice .....	146,000 .....	3 min. ....	7,300 hrs.
Coastal Construction Manual—CD Version .....	50 .....	30 min. ....	25 hrs.

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

FEMA NFIP policy form	Number of responses	Per form burden hours	Total burden hours
Total .....	254,100 .....	.....	24,875

*Estimated Cost:* A \$50 expense constant and a \$30 policy fee are charged to the policyholder for the issuance of a new policy or the renewal of an existing policy in order to meet the operating expenses of the NFIP. (The amount of the expense constant and/or the policy fee is subject to adjustment as needed to meet the actual cost of the program.)

The projected Operating Expenses (not including claims and claim adjustment expenses) of the NFIP are estimated at approximately \$6,800,000. This amount includes all administrative expenses such as processing flood applications, endorsements, cancellations, and customer service.

*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 must be submitted on or before April 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief, Records Management Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Mary Chang, Mitigation Division, (202) 646-2790 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

Dated: February 7, 2006.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

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**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Notice of Funding Availability and Application Kit for the Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) Program.**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, 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:* April 17, 2006.

**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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8228, Washington, DC 20410-6000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Brunson, 202-708-3061, ext. 3852 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Housing And Urban Development will submit 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 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; (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 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:* Notice of Funding Availability and Application Kit: for the Community Outreach Partnership Center Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0180 (exp. 02/28/03).

*Descriptions of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The information is being collected to select applicants for award in this statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of grantees to ensure they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

*Agency Form Numbers:* SF-424, SF-424 Supplement, HUD-424-CB, SF-LLL, HUD-27300, HUD-2880, HUD-2993, HUD-2994, HUD-30001, HUD-30002, HUD-30011, HUD-96010 and HUD-96011.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Information pursuant to grant award will be submitted once a year. The following chart details the respondent burden on an annual and semi-annual basis.

	Number of respondents	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Applications .....	135	135	40	5400