DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4356–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]

Vermont; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Vermont (FEMA–4356–DR), dated January 2, 2018, and related determinations.

DATES: The declaration was issued January 2, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated January 2, 2018, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Vermont resulting from a severe storm and flooding during the period of October 29–30, 2017, 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 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Vermont.

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 Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State.

Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, with the exception of projects that meet the eligibility criteria for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal implemented pursuant to section 428 of the Stafford Act.

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

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, James N. Russo, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Vermont have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:


All areas within the State of Vermont are eligible 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, Coral Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.056, Disaster Grant Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.059, Hazard Mitigation Grant.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Intent To Request Extension From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Law Enforcement Officer Flying Armed Training

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) invites public comment on one currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1615–0044, abstracted below that we will submit to OMB for an extension in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection involves the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) maintenance of a database of all Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies that have received the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Flying Armed Training course.

DATES: Send your comments by March 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be emailed to TSAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Office of Information Technology (OIT), TSA–11, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598–6011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina A. Walsh at the above address, or by telephone (571) 227–2062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation will be available at http://www.reginfo.gov upon its submission to OMB. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and
enforcement officer flying armed information collection requirement
respondents.
be modified to reduce the burden on
which this request for information could
Regulatory Reform Agenda, TSA is also
costs, and E.O. 13777, Enforcing the
Agency's estimate of the burden;
be necessary for
Conterminous with the requirements of
Executive Order (E.O.) 13771, Reducing
Regulation and Controlling Regulatory
costs, and E.O. 13777, Enforcing the
Regulatory Reform Agenda, TSA is also
requesting comments on the extent to
which this request for information could
be modified to reduce the burden on
respondents.

Information Collection Requirement
OMB Control Number 1652-0034; Law
Enforcement Officer Flying Armed
Training. TSA is requesting approval for
the extension of the collection of this
information to comply with 49 CFR
1544.219, which requires Federal LEOs,
full-time territorial, tribal, municipal,
county or state LEOs who are direct
employees of government agencies, and
authorized railroad police officers to
complete the LEOs Flying Armed
training course in order to fly armed.
The course is a non-tactical overview of
the conditions under which an officer
may fly armed and the required conduct
and duties of the LEO while flying
armed. This collection permits TSA to
collect identifying information from law
enforcement agencies requesting the
LEO Flying Armed training course
materials.

The process begins when a
representative from a law enforcement
agency electronically requests the LEO
Flying Armed training course material
via the TSA Flying While Armed
website (https://www.tsa.gov/travel/lawenforcement). The fillable form, which is
submitted to TSA electronically, must
contain: full name of the officer, title,
phone number, email address,
employing department, work address,
supervisor's name, supervisor's title,
supervisor's contact information, the
agency's originating agency identifier
(ORI), an affirmation that the officer/
agency meets the requirements set forth
in 49 CFR 1544.219, and a brief
narrative detailing the agency's
operational need to fly armed. Once the
fillable form is completed, TSA, through
its Office of Training and Development
(OTD), receives a notification via email.
OTD vets the request to ensure that all
of the required information has been
submitted and that the agency has a
current operational need to fly armed. If
OTD determines that the requesting
agency meets the standard set forth in
49 CFR 1544.219, they electronically
send a non-disclosure agreement (NDA)
to the requesting agency. Once OTD
receives the signed NDA, they will
electronically send the LEO Flying
Armed training course materials to the
requesting agency. OTD keeps an
electronic record of each agency that
they have sent LEO Flying Armed
training course material to, including a
point of contact (POC) for that agency.
If an issue arises during the screening
and verification process regarding the
authenticity of an agency that requests
training materials, no training materials
will be supplied until that issue has
either been confirmed or resolved, and
a record of such is maintained.

Upon completion of the training, the
LEO who has been authorized by his or
her agency to fly armed presents his or
her credentials and other required
documentation at the airport in order
to fly armed. A Transportation Security
Officer verifies all pertinent information
on site. Based on current data, TSA
estimates there are approximately 2,000
respondents on an annual basis. At
most, each agency spends
approximately 5 minutes to provide the
information TSA needs to confirm the
law enforcement agencies are eligible
to receive the training. This amounts to
2000 agencies multiplied by 5 minutes
equals 166.6 hours (2000 agencies \times 5
min = 10,000 min [166.6 hrs.]) for a total
annual hour burden of 167 hours.

Christina A. Walsh,
TSA Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office
of Information Technology.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a
loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act
(the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under Section
221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2018, is 2.3% percent. The interest rate for
debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to
insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are
two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under
these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning
January 1, 2018, is 2.5% percent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yong Sun, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street
SW, Room 5148, Washington, DC 20410–8000; telephone (202) 402–4778 (this is not a toll-free number).

Supplementary Information: Section
224 of the National Housing Act (12
U.S.C. 17150) provides that debentures
issued under the Act with respect to an
insured loan or mortgage (except for
debentures issued pursuant to Section
221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at
the rate in effect on the date the
commitment to insure the loan or
mortgage was issued, or the date the
loan or mortgage was endorsed (or
initially endorsed if there are two or
more endorsements) for insurance,
whichever rate is higher. This provision
is implemented in HUD's regulations at
24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.250(e)(6),
and 220.830. These regulatory
provisions state that the applicable rates
of interest will be published twice each
year as a notice in the Federal Register.

Section 224 further provides that the
interest rate on these debentures will be
set from time to time by the Secretary
of HUD, with the approval of the
Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount
not in excess of the annual interest rate
determined by the Secretary of the
Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula
based on the average yield of all
outstanding marketable Treasury
obligations of maturities of 15 or more
years.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–6078–N–01]

Mortgage and Loan Insurance
Programs Under the National Housing
Act—Debenture Interest Rates

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.