

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2020-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2005]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before April 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location https://www.fema.gov/preliminary_floodhazarddata and the respective

Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-2005, to Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are

provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location https://www.fema.gov/preliminary_floodhazarddata and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Community	Community map repository address
Boone County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas Project: 17-07-0832S Preliminary Date: March 28, 2019	
City of Beaver	City Hall, 121 3rd Street, Beaver, IA 50031.
City of Berkley	Berkley City Hall, 266 284th Street, Perry, IA 50220.
City of Boone	City Hall Building Department, 923 8th Street, Boone, IA 50036.
City of Fraser	Fraser City Hall, 1008 157th Street, Boone, IA 50036.
City of Madrid	City Hall, 304 South Water Street, Madrid, IA 50156.
City of Ogden	City Hall, 513 West Walnut Street, Ogden, IA 50212.
City of Pilot Mound	City Hall, 212 South Pilot Street, Pilot Mound, IA, 50223.
City of Woodward	City Hall, 105 East 2nd Street, Woodward, IA, 50276.

Community	Community map repository address
Unincorporated Areas of Boone County	Boone County Courthouse, 201 State Street, Boone, IA 50036.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2019-0025; OMB No. 1660-0017]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Public Assistance Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe 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 the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information Management Division, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, email address FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Rachel Hildebrand, Process Improvement Section Chief, Public Assistance Program Delivery Branch, 202-646-3484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed information collection previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2019 at 84 FR 61922 with a 60 day public comment period. FEMA received one comment. The comment concerned the requirement for schools or educational facilities to provide proof of accreditation or certification requested on FEMA Form 009-0-49, Request for Public Assistance. While the specific citations in 44 CFR 206.221(a) are now out of date, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 continues to have definitions for elementary school (20 U.S.C. 7801(19)) and secondary school (20 U.S.C. 7801(45)) that define such schools as providing elementary and secondary education “as determined under state law.” Government regulation of private schools is limited. In general, the U.S. Department of Education does not have authority to regulate private elementary and secondary schools or home schools. If any regulation is made, it is usually implemented at the State level and the extent of such regulation varies. For example, some States do not require accreditation, and FEMA cannot require formal accreditation where a State does not. However, FEMA may require that an applicant private nonprofit school demonstrate that it meets the required criteria for an educational institution and facility under the Public Assistance Program. This includes the requirement for a private nonprofit school to demonstrate that it meets the regulatory requirements of education “as determined under state law.” Likewise, the Higher Education Act of 1965 continues to have a definition of institution of higher education (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)) which has five criteria that are aligned with the criteria in Table 5 on page 132 of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide. FEMA continues to rely on the definitions in these two acts, and we do not believe that Congress, when they reorganized these acts, intended to eliminate FEMA’s longstanding eligibility criteria.

The salary used to calculate the Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government has been updated to reflect the 2020 Salary Table.

The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below

to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: Public Assistance Program.

Type of information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0017.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 009-0-49 Request for Public Assistance; FEMA Form 009-0-91 Project Worksheet (PW); FEMA Form 009-0-91A Project Worksheet (PW)—Damage Description and Scope of Work Continuation Sheet; FEMA Form 009-0-91B Project Worksheet (PW)—Cost Estimate Continuation Sheet; FEMA Form 009-0-91C Project Worksheet (PW)—Maps and Sketches Sheet; FEMA Form 009-0-91D Project Worksheet (PW)—Photo Sheet; FEMA Form 009-0-120 Special Considerations Questions; FEMA Form 009-0-121 PNP Facility Questionnaire; FEMA Form 009-0-123 Force Account Labor Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-124 Materials Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-125 Rented Equipment Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-126 Contract Work Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-127 Force Account Equipment Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-128 Applicant’s Benefits Calculation Worksheet; FEMA Form 009-0-111, Quarterly Progress Reports; FEMA Form 009-0-141, FAC-TRAX System.

Abstract: The information collected is utilized by FEMA to make determinations for Public Assistance grants based on the information supplied by the respondents.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,012.

Estimated Number of Responses: 398,068.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 466,025.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$29,601,921.

Estimated Respondents’ Operation and Maintenance Costs: N/A.

Estimated Respondents’ Capital and Start-Up Costs: N/A.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$1,920,626.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a)