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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-4472-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2019-0001]

#### New York; 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 New York (FEMA-4472-DR), dated December 19, 2019, and related determinations.

**DATES:** The declaration was issued December 19, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated December 19, 2019, 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 New York resulting from severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of October 31 to November 1, 2019, 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 New York.

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 Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

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, Robert Little III, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

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

Chautauqua, Chenango, Cortland, Erie, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, Otsego, Saratoga, Tioga, and Warren Counties for Public Assistance.

All areas within the State of New York 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, Cora 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 Presidentially 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; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**Pete Gaynor,**

*Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2019-0057]

### Understanding Public Perception and Acceptance of First Responders Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection; Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** S&T will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The survey, called "Understanding Public Perception and Acceptance of First Responders Use of Unmanned Aircraft

Systems (UAS)", requests information about the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) by firefighting, law enforcement, and emergency medical missions.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and accepted until April 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2019-0057, at:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail and hand delivery or commercial delivery:* Science and Technology Directorate, ATTN: Chief Information Office—Michele Zeland-Bailey, 245 Murray Drive, Mail Stop 0202, Washington, DC 20528.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number DHS-2019-0057. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DHS/S&T/OCIO Program Manager: Kathleen Deloughery, [Kathleen.Deloughery@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Deloughery@hq.dhs.gov) or 202-254-5894 (Not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of this survey is to understand the public perception of and identify concerns with current and potential uses of UAS technology by first responders. The survey will ask respondents to report their demographic characteristics, their knowledge of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), their knowledge of the use of UAS by first responders, their overall trust in the use of new technologies by the government and first responders, their general attitudes about such use, and their opinions about the use of UAS by first responders for specific applications like search-and-rescue. The survey will also ask respondents to evaluate the effectiveness of different test messages that we have created to deliver information to the public about first responder UAS applications.

S&T collects this information pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 182(6) and 193(b)(4). DHS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, provides the general public with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing