DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA–2021–0021]

Notice of Public Meeting on the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System


ACTION: Announcement of open public meetings.

SUMMARY: FEMA will hold three public meetings remotely via web conference to solicit public feedback about the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) program. FEMA is issuing this public meeting notice to inform the public that it is seeking input on the NFIP's CRS program for the agency to consider ways to modify, streamline, and/or innovate to improve the program. These efforts aim to help FEMA ensure that the CRS program includes necessary, properly tailored, and up-to-date requirements that effectively achieve the goals of (1) reducing and avoiding flood damage to insurable property, (2) strengthening and supporting the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and (3) encouraging a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

DATES: Written comments in response to these public meetings may be submitted until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on September 22, 2021. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

FEMA will hold meetings on:

- Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. ET;
- Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. ET; and
- Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. ET.

Depending on the number of speakers, the meetings may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

ADDRESS: The public meetings will be held via web conference. Members of the public may register to attend the meetings online at the following link: https://cgstrategy.zoom.us/webinar/register?eid=6716294728533/WN_BTf89PgoQHOZL-TonhxNog.

Reasonable accommodations are available for people with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below as soon as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill. Written comments related to these public meetings must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov/. Search for FEMA–2021–0021 and follow the instructions for submitting comments. All written comments received, including any personal information provided, may be posted without alteration at https://www.regulations.gov. All comments on the request for information made during the meetings will be posted to https://www.regulations.gov, Docket ID FEMA–2021–0021.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP's CRS program is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP for floodplain management. As FEMA undertakes a series of initiatives that will transform the NFIP, the agency is also evaluating the CRS program and its potential to support FEMA, State government, Tribal government, and community goals and needs. While the agency has made incremental changes since the start of the program, as the CRS program’s implementation, the agency is seeking input to further improve the program through additional programmatic changes. With the continuous learning around flood, flood risk management, and flood risk reduction techniques, FEMA now has more information about and understanding of multi-frequency analysis, pluvial flooding, climate change, and the extent of flood risk outside of the SFHA. FEMA seeks to make larger improvements within our programs based on these developments and is now taking a holistic look at the CRS program to determine how the program can best meet FEMA and stakeholder needs.
The purpose of these public meetings and the RFI is to seek feedback on the CRS program. FEMA is holding public meetings to ensure that all interested parties have sufficient opportunity to provide comments on the CRS program during these meetings and the RFI to identify those aspects of the CRS program that may benefit from modification, streamlining, or expansion in light of FEMA’s improved understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches gained since the initiation of the CRS program. FEMA will carefully consider all relevant comments received during the meetings and during the RFI comment period closing on September 22, 2021. All comments or remarks provided on the request for information during the meetings will be recorded and posted to the rulemaking docket on https://www.regulations.gov.

Deanne Criswell,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Intent To Request an Extension From OMB of One Current Public Collection of Information: Pipeline Corporate Security Review Program

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 1652–0056, abstracted below, that we will submit to OMB for an extension in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). On July 15, 2021, OMB approved TSA’s request for an emergency revision of this collection to address the ongoing cybersecurity threat to pipeline systems and associated infrastructure. TSA is now seeking to renew the collection, which expires on January 31, 2022, with incorporation of the subject of the emergency revision. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection allows TSA to assess the current security practices in the pipeline industry through TSA’s Pipeline Corporate Security Review (PCSR) program. The PCSR program is part of the larger domain awareness, prevention, and protection program supporting TSA’s and the Department of Homeland Security’s missions.

DATES: Send your comments by October 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be emailed to TSAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov or delivered to the TSA PRA Officer, Information Technology (IT), TSA–11, Transportation Security Administration, 6595 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, 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 approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement 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;

(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 using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

OMB Control Number 1652–0056; Pipeline Corporate Security Review (PCSR) Program. Under the Aviation and Transportation Security Act 1 and delegated authority from the Secretary of Homeland Security, TSA has broad responsibility and authority for “security in all modes of transportation . . . including security responsibilities . . . over modes of transportation that are exercised by the Department of Transportation.”2 TSA is specifically empowered to assess threats to transportation; 3 develop policies, strategies, and plans for dealing with threats to transportation; 4 oversee the implementation and adequacy of security measures at transportation facilities; 5 and carry out other appropriate duties relating to transportation security.6 The Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act) included a specific requirement for TSA to conduct assessments of critical pipeline facilities.7 The purpose of these public meetings and the RFI is to seek feedback on the CRS program. FEMA is holding public meetings to ensure that all interested parties have sufficient opportunity to provide comments on the CRS program during these meetings and the RFI to identify those aspects of the CRS program that may benefit from modification, streamlining, or expansion in light of FEMA’s improved understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches gained since the initiation of the CRS program. FEMA will carefully consider all relevant comments received during the meetings and during the RFI comment period closing on September 22, 2021. All comments or remarks provided on the request for information during the meetings will be recorded and posted to the rulemaking docket on https://www.regulations.gov.

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Assessing Voluntary Implementation of Recommendations

Consistent with these authorities and requirements, TSA developed the PCSR program to assess the current security practices in the pipeline industry, with a focus on the physical and cyber security of pipelines and the crude oil and petroleum products, such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, home heating oil, and natural gas, moving through the system infrastructure. PCSRIs are voluntary, face-to-face visits, usually at the headquarters facility of the pipeline owner/operator. Typically, TSA sends one to three employees to conduct a seven to eight hour interview with representatives from the owner/operator. The TSA representatives analyze the owner/operator’s security plan and policies and compare their practices with recommendations in TSA’s Pipeline Security Guidelines. During the PCSR assessment, the PCSR program subject matter experts:

• Meet with senior corporate officers and security managers.

• Develop knowledge of security planning at critical pipeline infrastructure sites.

• Establish and maintain a working relationship with key security staff who operate critical pipeline infrastructure.

• Identify industry smart practices and lessons learned.

• Maintain a dynamic modal network through effective communications with

2 See 49 U.S.C. 114(d). The TSA Administrator’s current authorities under the Aviation and Transportation Security Act have been delegated to
4 See 49 U.S.C. 114(f)(3).