

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. 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 revision of an information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the need to continue collecting information from individuals and States in order to provide and/or administer disaster

assistance through the Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 206(a) of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) consolidated into one section of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, the "Temporary Housing Assistance" and the "Individual and Family Grant Programs" into a single program called "Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households" (IHP). To implement this consolidation, intended to streamline the provision of assistance to disaster victims, FEMA published rule 44 CFR part 206 which became effective on September 30, 2002. Under this rule applicants are able to request approval of late registrations, request continued assistance, and appeal program decisions. Similarly, States can partner with FEMA for delivery of disaster assistance under the "Other Needs" provision of the IHP through Administrative Option Agreements and Administration Plans addressing the level of managerial and resource support necessary.

Collection of Information

Title: Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0061.

Form Numbers: None.

Abstract: The Federal Assistance to Individual and Household Program (IHP) enhances applicants' ability to request approval of late applications, request continued assistance, and appeal program decisions. Similarly, it allows States to partner with FEMA for delivery of disaster assistance under the "Other Needs" provision of the IHP through Administrative Option Agreements and Administration Plans addressing the level of managerial and resource support necessary.

Affected Public: Individuals and households; State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 29,716 hours.

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, etc.)	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of responses (B)	Burden hours per respondent (C)	Annual responses (AxB)	Total annual burden hours (AxBxC)
Individuals:					
Request for Approval of Late Registration	8,000	1	.75 hr. (45 min)	8,000	6,000
Request for Continued Assistance	2,000	1	.50 hr. (30 min)	2,000	1,000
Appeal of Program Decision (to include review and use of supplemental guidance.	30,000	1	.75 hr. (45 min)	30,000	22,500
States:					
Review of Administrative Option Agreement for the Other Needs provision of IHP.	56	1	3.0 hrs	56	168
Development of State Administrative Plan for the Other Needs provision of IHP.	16	1	3.0 hrs	16	48
Total	40,072	1	40,072	29,716

Estimated Cost: \$173,354.00

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 should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response

Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Berl Jones, Chief, Individual Assistance Program Management Section at (202) 646-3943 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or email address: *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

Dated: February 11, 2005.
George S. Trotter,
Acting Branch Chief, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division.
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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 continuing information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the proposed collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) plays a critical role in FEMA's mission for reducing flood losses. Through the NFIP, communities must adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood losses. In exchange, FEMA's NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to property owners in these participating communities. According to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Congress Findings and Declaration of Purpose, Section 2(a)(6), Congress finds that it is in the public interest for persons already living in flood prone areas to have an opportunity to purchase flood insurance and access to more adequate limits of coverage, so that they will be indemnified for their losses in the event of future flood disasters. In accordance with this finding, FEMA attempts to fulfill the requirement of The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 by educating and assisting potential flood insurance purchasers and agents who voluntarily contact the National Flood Insurance Program Call Center.

Collection of Information

Title: National Flood Insurance Program Call Center and Agent Referral Enrollment Program.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0059.

Form Numbers: FF 81-95.

Abstract: The National Flood Insurance Program Call Center and Agent Referral Enrollment Program are part of the overall FloodSmart marketing campaign aimed at increasing the number of net policies by 5 percent annually. The center's main objectives are: (1) To respond to consumers seeking information on the flood insurance program (including finding an insurance agent), (2) to provide a mechanism for insurance agents interested in selling flood insurance to voluntarily enroll in the agent referral program, and (3) to facilitate the purchasing process by connecting buyers and sellers together.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, and Business or Other For-Profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,750 hours.

	No. of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (AxBxC)
Callers To The Call Center	69,000	1	.05	3,450
Agent Referral Enrollment Form—FEMA Form 81-95	3,000	1	.07	210
Outbound Calls To Agents	1,200	1	.05	60
Outbound Calls To Consumers	600	1	.05	30
Total	73,800	1	3,750

Estimated Cost: \$ 3,960.00.

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 should be

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Carolyn Goss, Program Analyst, Mitigation Division, Risk Communication Branch, 202-646-3468 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or

email address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

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Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.
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California; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency