

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, 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 extension of a currently approved collection. In accordance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning an informal appeals process to allow policyholders to request an appeal for an unsatisfactory decision on flood insurance claims.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 205 of the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, Public Law 108-264, requires FEMA to establish by regulation a formal process for the appeal of decisions of flood insurance claims issued through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The appeals process is available after the issuance of the insurer's final claim determination, which is the insurer's written denial, in whole or in part, of the insured's claim. An insured must file an appeal within 60 days after receiving the insurer's final claim determination.

Collection of Information

Title: National Flood Insurance Claims Appeal Process.

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

OMB Number: 1660-0095.

Form Numbers: None.

Abstract: This information collection implements the mandates of section 205 of the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 to establish an appeal process for NFIP policyholders in cases of unsatisfactory decisions on claims, proof of loss, and loss estimates made by any insurance company, agent, adjuster, or FEMA employee or contractor.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and Business or other for profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, etc.)	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of responses (B)	Burden hours per respondent (C)	Annual responses (D) = (A×B)	Total annual burden hours (E) = (C×D)
Appeal Letter	2,000	1	2	2,000	4,000
Total	2,000	2	2,000	4,000

Estimated Cost: Total cost to all respondents combined is estimated at \$56,000. with an average cost per respondent of \$28.00/appeal.

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 must be submitted on or before November 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief, Records Management and Privacy, Information Resources Management

Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Priscilla Scruggs, Section Chief, Mitigation Division, (202) 646-4155 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

Dated: September 1, 2006.

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Chief, Records Management and Privacy Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission describes 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 includes the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

Title: Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program—Immediate Services Program.

OMB Number: 1660–0085.

Abstract: FEMA requires that the State complete an Immediate Services Program Standard Application for the Crisis Counseling Program that includes the following: (i) The geographical areas within the designated disaster area for which services will be provided; (ii) An estimate of the number of disaster victims requiring assistance; (iii) A description of the State and local resources and capabilities, and an explanation of why these resources cannot meet the need; (iv) A description of response activities from the date of the disaster incident to the date of application; (v) A plan of services to be provided to meet the identified needs; and (vi) A detailed budget, showing the cost of proposed services separately from the cost of reimbursement for any eligible services provided prior to application.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 56.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 82 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,910 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6874. Comments must be submitted on or before October 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646–3347, or e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: August 31, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5037–N–59]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Request for Approval of Advance of Escrow Funds

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The information is collected to ensure that escrowed funds are disposed of correctly for completion of offsite facilities, construction changes, construction cost not paid at final endorsement, non-critical repairs and capital needs assessment. The mortgagor uses the data to request withdrawal of escrowed funds for each item through a depository (mortgagee), and the HUD staff must use the information to approve the withdrawal of escrowed funds for each item.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502–0018) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh

Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 708–2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer or from HUD’s Web site at <http://hlannwp031.hud.gov/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 of the proposed collection of information; (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 through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Request for Approval of Advance of Escrow Funds.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0018.

Form Numbers: HUD–92464.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The information is collected to ensure that escrowed funds are disposed of correctly for completion of offsite facilities, construction changes, construction cost not paid at final endorsement, non-critical repairs and capital needs assessment. The mortgagor uses the data to request withdrawal of escrowed funds for each item through a depository (mortgagee), and the HUD staff must use the information to approve the withdrawal of escrowed fund for each item.

Frequency of Submission: Monthly.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
<i>Reporting Burden:</i>	624	3		0.43		819