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Director of Operations Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1709-DR]

Texas; Amendment No. 12 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-1709-DR), dated June 29, 2007, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 5, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 29, 2007.

Gonzales County for Public Assistance.

(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 Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulison,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1730-DR]

Texas; 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 Texas (FEMA-1730-DR), dated October 2, 2007, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 2, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 2, 2007, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Texas resulting from Tropical Storm Erin during the period of August 14-20, 2007, 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. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Texas.

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 Individual Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation and Other Needs Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

If Public Assistance is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, except for any particular projects that are eligible for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the FEMA Public Assistance Pilot Program instituted pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 777.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The time period prescribed for the implementation of section 310(a),

Priority to Certain Applications for Public Facility and Public Housing Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 5153, shall be for a period not to exceed six months after the date of this declaration.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Kenneth Clark, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Texas to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Bexar, Harris, Jones, Kendall, Medina, and Taylor Counties for Individual Assistance.

All counties within the State of Texas are eligible to apply 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 Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

R. David Paulison,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2007-0007]

National Response Framework

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is extending the comment period on the revised National Response Plan now known as the National Response Framework (NRF). The NRF was drafted to build upon the current National Response Plan, incorporate lessons-learned from recent disasters, and to articulate more clearly the roles of the States, tribal, and local jurisdictions and the private sector to guide a successful response to natural disasters or terrorist

attacks. The original comment period was scheduled to conclude on October 11, 2007. FEMA is extending the comment period until October 22, 2007.

DATES: This notice is effective October 5, 2007. Comments must be received by October 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The NRF is available online in the NRF Resource Center located at <http://www.fema.gov/NRF> or <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/NRF>, as well as in the docket for this notice at www.regulations.gov. You may also view a hard copy of the NRF at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472. You may submit comments on the NRF, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2007-0007, by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov. Include Docket ID FEMA-2007-0007 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 866-466-5370.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Regulation & Policy Team, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of www.regulations.gov.

FEMA has also provided a form, available in the docket at www.regulations.gov and in the NRF Resource Center at <http://www.fema.gov/NRF> or <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/NRF>. Due to the large number of comments that are expected, FEMA asks that comments be submitted using this form.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Slaten, Acting National

Response Framework Branch Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, 202-646-8152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 11, 2007, (72 FR 51833), FEMA published a notice of availability and request for comments on the National Response Framework (NRF). FEMA has since received requests to extend the comment period. In order to accommodate these requests and to provide additional opportunities for public comment, FEMA is providing notice that it will continue to accept comments on the NRF until October 22, 2007.

The NRF is available online in the NRF Resource Center located at <http://www.fema.gov/NRF> or <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/NRF>, and the docket for this notice at www.regulations.gov (docket number FEMA-2007-0007).

Authority: Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, 6 U.S.C. 101, *et seq.*, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, Management of Domestic Incidents.

Dated: October 5, 2007.

R. David Paulson,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Communications System

[Docket No. NCS-2007-0004]

National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Communications System, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Partially Closed Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will be meeting by teleconference: the meeting will be partially closed.

DATES: Thursday, November 8, 2007, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place by teleconference. For access to the conference bridge and meeting materials, contact Ms. Sue Daage at (703) 235-5526 or by e-mail at sue.daage@dhs.gov by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2007. If you desire to submit comments, they must be submitted by November 15, 2007.

Comments must be identified by NCS-

2007-0004 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

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

- **E-mail:** NSTAC1@dhs.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Office of the Manager, National Communications System (N5), Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20529.

- **Fax:** 1-866-466-5370.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and NCS-2007-0004, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kiesha Gebreyes, Chief, Industry Operations Branch at (703) 235-5525, e-mail: Kiesha.Gebreyes@dhs.gov or write the Deputy Manager, National Communications System, Department of Homeland Security, CS&C/NCS/N5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSTAC advises the President on issues and problems related to implementing national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications policy. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463 (1972), as amended appearing in 5 U.S.C. App. 1 *et seq.* (1997).

At the upcoming meeting, between 2 p.m. and 2:25 p.m., the conference call will include government stakeholder feedback on NSTAC initiatives and an overview of NSTAC's investigation of identity management and emergency communications interoperability for national security and emergency preparedness communications. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public.

Between 2:25 p.m. and 3 p.m., the committee will discuss and vote on the results of their investigation of the global network infrastructure environment, and will also discuss and vote on the results of their investigation of commercial systems' reliance on global positioning systems for network timing synchronization. This portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Persons with disabilities who require special assistance should indicate this when arranging access to the teleconference and are encouraged to identify anticipated special needs as early as possible.