

with UL 12402–5 as equivalent to PFDs meeting the requirements in 46 CFR 160.064 and 160.076, with certain exceptions.

The adoption of this policy marks the culmination of over a decade of dedicated work across the lifejacket and recreational boating safety community and supports National Boating Safety Advisory Council Resolution 2009–83–01, which is available in the docket.<sup>2</sup> This policy also responds to a comment submitted by the Lifejacket Association in response to the Coast Guard's request for public input on "Evaluation of Existing Coast Guard Regulations, Guidance Documents, Interpretive Documents, and Collections of Information,"<sup>3</sup> recommending the Coast Guard consider full adoption of UL 12402–5 and UL 12402–9. In order to provide the maximum benefit to the public with minimum delay, the Coast Guard evaluated which elements of the new standards could be implemented without a change to the regulations. Those elements are being adopted by this policy. The remaining elements of the standards that cannot be adopted without a change to the regulations are being considered for possible future regulatory action.

This policy letter allows manufacturers to have their products certified to the new bi-national standard, in lieu of the legacy standards codified in title 46 CFR. This allowance is intended to reduce the burden of maintaining approvals in U.S. and Canadian markets and to make additional types of PFDs available to U.S. and Canadian boaters.

This policy does not impact existing PFD approvals, and does not require any action on the part of boaters or mariners who have approved PFDs onboard. An existing approved PFD will continue to meet the same carriage requirements, as long as it remains in good and serviceable condition.

The Coast Guard has prepared a Deregulatory Savings Analysis for the policy letter that identifies and examines the potential costs and savings associated with implementing the new standards plan and is available in the docket. We request your comments on any concerns that you may have related to the policy changes.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

<sup>2</sup> The Resolution requested the U.S. Coast Guard work cooperatively with stakeholders to devise and implement within 3 years an improved regulatory approach to the testing and approval of personal flotation devices, including life jackets.

<sup>3</sup> 82 FR 26632 (June 8, 2017).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022]

### Technical Mapping Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) will meet in person on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, and Wednesday, September 26, 2018, in Reston, Virginia. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The TMAC will meet on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. EDT. Please note that the meeting will close early if the TMAC has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Headquarters at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance by sending an email to [FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov) (Attention: Michael Nakagaki) by 11:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Members of the public must follow signs for the Visitor's Entrance on the U.S. Geological Survey Drive entrance of the USGS; once you pull into the Visitor's Entrance, facility security will direct you to parking and where to check in at the front desk of the visitor's entrance at the USGS. Photo identification is required.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered by the TMAC, as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Associated meeting materials will be available at [www.fema.gov/TMAC](http://www.fema.gov/TMAC) for review by Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Written comments to be considered by the committee at the time of the meeting must be submitted and received by Friday, September 21, 2018, identified by Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022, and submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** Address the email TO: [FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov) and CC: [FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov). Include Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022 in the subject line of the message. Include name and contact information in the body of the email.

- **Mail:** Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA, 500 C Street SW, Room 8NE, Washington, DC 20472–3100.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the words "Federal Emergency Management Agency" and 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 docket access to read background documents or comments received by the TMAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022.

A public comment period will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT and again on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes. The public comment period will not exceed 30 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker by close of business on Friday, September 21, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Nakagaki, Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, telephone (202) 212–2148, and email [michael.nakagaki@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:michael.nakagaki@fema.dhs.gov). The TMAC website is: <http://www.fema.gov/TMAC>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

In accordance with the *Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on: (1) How to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the (a) accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of

flood insurance rate maps and risk data; and (b) performance metrics and milestones required to effectively and efficiently map flood risk areas in the United States; (2) mapping standards and guidelines for (a) flood insurance rate maps, and (b) data accuracy, data quality, data currency, and data eligibility; (3) how to maintain, on an ongoing basis, flood insurance rate maps and flood risk identification; (4) procedures for delegating mapping activities to State and local mapping partners; and (5)(a) methods for improving interagency and intergovernmental coordination on flood mapping and flood risk determination, and (b) a funding strategy to leverage and coordinate budgets and expenditures across Federal agencies. Furthermore, the TMAC is required to submit an annual report to the FEMA Administrator that contains: (1) A description of the activities of the Council; (2) an evaluation of the status and performance of flood insurance rate maps and mapping activities to revise and update Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and (3) a summary of recommendations made by the Council to the FEMA Administrator.

*Agenda:* During the two-day meeting, TMAC members will discuss and conduct a review of the final draft TMAC 2018 Annual Report. The TMAC will also receive public input on the report recommendations and content; the recommendations and summary of content will be posted to the FEMA TMAC website at <http://www.fema.gov/TMAC> prior to the meeting to provide the public an opportunity to review the materials. A public comment period will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT and again on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT and will occur prior to any vote. The full agenda and related meeting materials will be posted by Friday, September 21, 2018, at <http://www.fema.gov/TMAC>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-7005-N-15]

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Standardization and Roster**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Olmstead, Housing Program Specialist, Office of Housing Counseling, Office of Policy and Grant Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email [john.olmstead@hud.gov](mailto:john.olmstead@hud.gov) or telephone (802) 951-6290. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* Application for Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counselor Roster and Certificate of HECM Counseling.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0586.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of previously approved collection for which approval will expire. (OMB Expiration Date: August 31, 2018).

*Form Numbers:* HUD-92902 and HUD-92904.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The HECM Counselor examination and Roster application assists HUD in evaluating the knowledge and capacity of individuals interested in providing HECM counseling to potential HECM borrowers thereby reducing the risk to the insurance fund. The collection of information assists HUD in providing and maintaining a current roster of HUD-approved HECM counselors to the general public and interested customers. The transfer of the Certificate of HECM Counseling, form HUD 92900, from OMB Collection 2502-0524 to this collection is needed since the Office of Housing Counseling is responsible for all services offered by HUD-approved housing counselors which includes HECM Roster Counselors. OMB Collection 2502-0524 was recently approved by OMB and has an expiration date of March 31, 2021.

*Respondents (i.e. affected public):* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,055.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 80,058.50.

*Frequency of Response:* HUD-92902—Certificate of HECM Counseling; Once HUD 92904—HECM Counseling Roster: 94.11.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours.  
*Total Estimated Burden:* 120,841.25.

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the