

conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 or United States Coast Guard (USCG) Eighth District within the Nebraska and Iowa disaster area. The Waiver is granted to support the EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from the Nebraska and Iowa disasters. This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), the Administrator for PHMSA hereby declares that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Waiver of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR parts 171-180) to persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 7 or USCG Eighth District within the Nebraska and Iowa disaster areas. The Waiver is granted to support the EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from the Nebraska and Iowa disasters.

On March 21, 2019, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for the Nebraska Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, And Flooding (DR-4420) for the counties of Banner, Box Butte, Butler, Cass, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Morrill, Polk, Sarpy, Saunders, Sheridan, Sioux, Thurston, and Wayne. On March 23, 2019, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for Iowa Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4421) for the counties of Adair, Allamakee, Audubon, Boone, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dallas, Decatur, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Fremont, Greene, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jasper, Kossuth, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Union, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, and Wright.

This Waiver Order covers all areas identified in the declaration, as amended. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), PHMSA has authority delegated by the Secretary (49 CFR 1.97(b)(3)) to waive compliance with any part of the HMR provided that the grant of the waiver is: (1) In the public interest; (2) not inconsistent with the safety of transporting hazardous materials; and (3) necessary to facilitate the safe movement of hazardous materials into, from, and within an area of a major disaster or emergency that has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

Given the continuing impacts caused by the Nebraska and Iowa disasters, PHMSA's Administrator has determined that regulatory relief is in the public interest and necessary to ensure the safe transportation in commerce of hazardous materials while the EPA and USCG execute their recovery and cleanup efforts in the disaster areas. Specifically, PHMSA's Administrator finds that issuing this Waiver Order will allow the EPA and USCG to conduct their Emergency Support Function #10 response activities under the National Response Framework to safely remove, transport, and dispose of hazardous materials. By execution of this Waiver Order, persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 7 or USCG Eighth District within the Nebraska and Iowa disaster areas are authorized to offer and transport non-radioactive hazardous materials under alternative safety requirements imposed by EPA Region 7 or USCG Eighth District when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive hazardous materials may be transported to staging areas within 50 miles of the point of origin. Further transportation of the hazardous materials from staging areas must be in full compliance with the HMR.

This Waiver Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 29, 2019.

**Howard R. Elliott,**

*Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0747]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 10, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-00747" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Danny S. Green, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or email [danny.green2@va.gov](mailto:danny.green2@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0747" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

*Title:* Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0747.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-526EZ is used to collect the information needed to process a fully developed claim for disability compensation and/or related compensation benefits. Though the law requires the claimant submit a certification in writing that states no additional information or evidence is available or needs to be submitted in order for the claim to be adjudicated via the fully developed claim program, it

has further evolved into a standard claim form to be used for any benefit associated with disability compensation; to include new or initial claims, reopened claims, and claims for increase. Due to the receipt of; new or initial claims, reopened and increased claims, and general program changes, such as regulatory changes and the discontinuance of other claims forms, VA Form 21-526EZ is being resubmitted to correct the estimate of burden. No other changes are proposed. This is a burden estimate change only.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 83 FR 224 on November 20, 2018, pages 58690 and 58691.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 498,667 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 22 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,360,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

*VA Interim Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 730, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the National Research Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary on research development conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, including policies and programs targeting the high priority of Veterans' health care needs.

The agenda will include updates from Department of Defense/Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Records Modernization, Health Sciences Research and Development, Service Directors, and visit from VA Leadership. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public wanting to attend may contact Avery Rock, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (10X2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461-9760, or by email at [Avery.Rock@va.gov](mailto:Avery.Rock@va.gov) no later than close of business on

May 29, 2019. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Avery Rock at the above phone number or email address noted above.

Dated: April 4, 2019.

**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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