

of a floodproofed basement requires specific design attention to materials, flood loads, and openings where floodwaters may enter a basement. When a community is granted an exception to allow floodproofed basements it agrees that an engineer and architect will properly certify that these basements are in fact floodproofed. In addition, this certificate is also presented to the flood insurance agent by the homeowner so that the homeowner receives the "discounted" rate applicable to floodproofed basements. The homeowner, community official and the insurance agent normally retain a copy of this form for recordkeeping only. *Collection of Information*

*Title:* Residential Basement Floodproofing Certificate.

*Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection of information.

*OMB Number:* 3067-0235.

*Form Number:* FEMA Form 81-78, Residential Basement Floodproofing Certificate.

*Abstract.* The certificate provides licensed design professionals a standard means of certifying the construction of floodproofed basements below the Base Flood Elevation. This certificate is only used in communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program who have been granted a "basement" exception. The homeowner must pay for the cost of the certification.

*Affected Public:* This affects individuals who are in communities with "basement" exceptions and who build houses with basements in Special Flood Hazard Areas. Communities who have been granted these "basement" exceptions also keep copies of the certificate to ensure compliance with local floodplain management ordinances.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours.* 163 hours (50 respondents x 3.25 hours per response. The respondents are engineers or architects who complete the form as a professional service to a homeowner. There are three inspections during the construction of a flood proof basement. Each inspection is estimated to be 45 minutes, plus one hour for the review of basement design documentation and recordkeeping by insurance agents and community officials.)

*Estimated Cost to Respondents.* \$16,250.00 (The estimated cost of a professional engineering service is \$100. That cost multiplied by 3.25—the hour burden per respondent—equals \$325 per homeowner to obtain professional engineering services.)

*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; (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. Submit comments to OMB within 30 days of the date of this notice. To ensure that FEMA is fully aware of any comments or concerns that you share with OMB, please provide us with a copy of your comments. FEMA will continue to accept comments for 60 days from the date of this notice.

*OMB Addressee:* Interested persons should submit written comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

*FEMA Addressee:* Submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or e:mail [muriel.anderson@fema.gov](mailto:muriel.anderson@fema.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Paul Tertell, Civil Engineer, Program Policy and Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, 202-646-3935 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

**Reginald Trujillo,**

*Director, Program Services Division, Operations Support Directorate.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted the following proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

*Title:* Community Rating System (CRS) Program—Application Worksheets and Commentary.

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

*OMB Number:* 3067-0195.

*Abstract:* The CRS Program establishes a system for FEMA to grade communities' floodplain management activities to determine flood insurance rates for communities. Communities exercising floodplain management activities that exceed Federal minimum standards qualify for lower insurance rates.

The January 1999 edition of the NFIP CRS Coordinator's Manual contains instructions for preparing the application worksheets that will be used to apply to the CRS Program for the 1999 through 2001 calendar years. The Application Worksheets and CRS Application are published separately. Communities will use the manuals to apply for activity points leading up to the CRS rating and commensurate flood insurance premium discounts. The schedule describes the floodplain management and insurance activities available to qualifying communities that undertake the selected additional activities that will reduce flood losses. Annually, all CRS participating communities must certify they are maintaining the activities for which they receive credit.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 940.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* Application Communities 29 hours; Maintenance Communities 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,260.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual update.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Desk Officer for the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the date of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or email [muriel.anderson@fema.gov](mailto:muriel.anderson@fema.gov).

Dated: December 8, 1999.

**Reginald Trujillo,**

*Director, Program Services Division,  
Operations Support Directorate.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**[FEMA-3153-EM]**

**Massachusetts; Amendment No. 2 to  
Notice of an Emergency Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of an emergency for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (FEMA-3153-EM), dated December 6, 1999, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 9, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of an emergency for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby amended to include Category B (emergency protective measures) under Public Assistance for the following area determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared an emergency by the President in his declaration of December 6, 1999:

Worcester County for Category B under Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public

Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Opening Meeting, Interagency  
Committee on Dam Safety**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 7(b)(2) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (Pub. L. 104-303), the Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice that the following meeting will be held:

**NAME:** Interagency Committee on Dam Safety.

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 13, 2000.

**PLACE:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C St., S.W., Rm 345, Washington, D.C. 20472.

**TIME:** 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**PROPOSED AGENDA:** Review initiatives for FY2000.

**STATUS:** This meeting is open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donald Bathurst, Director, National Dam Safety Program, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 416, Washington, DC 20472, telephone (202) 646-2753 or by facsimile at (202) 646-3990.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first served basis. Members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Rita Henry, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 416, Washington, DC 20472, Telephone (202) 646-2704 or by fax at (202) 646-3990 on or before Jan. 10, 2000.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and available upon request 30 days after they have been approved by the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

**Michael J. Armstrong,**

*Associate Director for Mitigation.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Opening Meeting, National Dam Safety  
Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 8(h) of the National Dam Safety Program Act (Pub. L. 104-303), the Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice that the following meeting will be held:

**NAME:** Interagency Committee on Dam Safety.

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 12, 2000.

**PLACE:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 345, Washington, DC 20472.

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**PROPOSED AGENDA:** Review initiatives for FY2000.

**STATUS:** This meeting is open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donald Bathurst, Director, National Dam Safety Program, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 416, Washington, DC 20472, telephone (202) 646-2753 or by facsimile at (202) 646-3990.

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Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and available upon request 30 days after they have been approved by the National Dam Safety Review Board.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

**Michael J. Armstrong,**

*Associate Director for Mitigation.*

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**FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD**

**Sunshine Act Notice**

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS  
ANNOUNCEMENT:** 4 FR 69268, December 10, 1999.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF  
THE MEETING:** 10 a.m., Tuesday,  
December 14, 1999.