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Dated: March 22, 2004.

**Nancy J. Wong,**

*Designated Federal Official for NIAC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review: Application for action on an approved application or petition; Form I-824.

The Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2004 at 69 FR 1991, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the CIS on this proposed information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 29, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies

concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition; Form I-824.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-824. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection is used to request a duplicate approval notice, to notify and to verify to the U.S. Consulate that a petition has been approved or that a person has been adjusted to permanent resident status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 43,772 responses at 25 minutes (.416 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 18,209 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s)

contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

*If additional information is required contact:* Mr. Steve Cooper, RPA Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Information Officer, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4626-36, Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: March 23, 2004.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. 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 revised information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning quarterly reporting to FEMA for the Supplemental Property Acquisition and Elevation Assistance Program.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Consolidated Appropriations Act (the Act) for FY 2000 (Pub. L. 106-113) authorizes FEMA to provide assistance for acquisition and relocation of properties affected by Hurricane Floyd or surrounding events for hazard mitigation purposes. Pub. L. 106-246 authorizes FEMA to provide assistance for acquisition, relocation or elevation of properties made uninhabitable by floods in areas that were declared major disasters in fiscal years 1999 or 2000. Grantees of Supplemental Property Acquisition and Elevation Assistance Program awards must report quarterly to FEMA on the performance and financial

status of grant projects. FEMA uses this information to report quarterly to Congress, as required by the Act. Grantees may use existing Hazard Mitigation recordkeeping systems to meet FEMA's financial reporting requirements and to document program funds that are not used in violation of existing regulations. Subgrantees are responsible for reporting their funds to States that are under the Supplemental Property Acquisition and Elevation Assistance Program. Financial records are maintained to document all project expenditures.

#### Collection of Information

*Title:* Supplemental Property Acquisition and Elevation Assistance.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0048.

*Form Numbers:* FEMA Form 20-10, Financial Status Report.

*Abstract:* FEMA Form 20-10 is used to review States' quarterly reports, ensure that overall programs are progressing on schedule, and projects meet the intent of the Act. States receiving grant awards are responsible for documenting and reporting to FEMA

the use of program funds, in accordance with the Act and implementing regulations. Sub-grantees (local governments) are responsible for implementing the scope of work for a grant and reporting quarterly to States, the progress of projects and status of funds received under the grant. The State will review local community reports to ensure grant projects are progressing on schedule and funds are being used appropriately.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*

Type of collection/forms	Number of respondents	Hours per response	Annual burden hours
FEMA Form 20-10, Financial Status Report 263 × quarterly = 1052 .....	1052	8	8,416
Performance Report 263 × quarterly = 1052 .....	1052	4.2	4,418
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1052</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12,834</b>

*Estimated Cost:* The estimated costs associated with this collection for the quarterly reporting process is \$308,016. This calculation is based on the respondents' wage rate.

*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 received on or before June 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, FEMA at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address: [FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Carrie Herndon, Hazard Mitigation Specialist, Mitigation Directorate, telephone number (202) 646-4330 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed information

collection (see addressee information above).

Dated: March 22, 2004.

**George S. Trotter,**

*Acting Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.*

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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, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. 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 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). 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 a description of the information collections required in 44 CFR 61,

Appendix A(2)VII(T) and implementing guidance and the Closed Basin Lakes Conservation Easements Biennial Report that FEMA will use.

*Title:* Closed-Basin Lake and Endorsement Requirements.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0050.

*Abstract:* A closed basin lake is a natural lake from which water leaves primarily through evaporation and whose surface area exceeds or has exceeded one square mile at any time in the recorded past. FEMA Regional Directors shall determine that State, local government, or tribe has established new building restrictions and the State is providing the support needed to eliminate future flood losses before policyholders can qualify for insurance claim benefits under the closed basin lake standard flood insurance policy endorsement.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for profit, and State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 16,270.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* The total estimated hours per respondent for the completion of all ten collections in this information collection request is 103.25 hours, with an estimated average of 10.33 hours per respondent, per collection.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,356 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and biennially for responses to the Closed-Basin Lakes Conservation Easements Biennial Report.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory