

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

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

**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 information required by FEMA to revise National Flood Insurance Program Maps.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With the passage of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, an owner of a structure, with a federally backed mortgage, located in the 1-percent annual chance floodplain, was required to purchase federal flood insurance. This was in response to the escalating damage caused by flooding and the unavailability of flood insurance from commercial insurance companies. As part of this effort, FEMA mapped the 1-

percent annual chance floodplain in communities. However, the 1-percent annual chance floodplain may change due to changes within the floodplain, or may be more accurately depicted through the use of more up-to-date methods and data. FEMA will issue a Letter of Map Revision to officially revise the 1-percent annual chance floodplain.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Revision to National Flood Insurance Program Maps: Application Forms for LOMRs and CLOMRs.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0016.

*Form Numbers:* FEMA forms 81-89, 81-89A, 81-89B, 81-89C, 81-89D, 81-89E.

*Abstract:* The certification forms (referred to as MT-2 series forms) are designed to assist requesters in gathering information that FEMA needs to revise a National Flood Insurance Program map. FEMA Form 81-89, Overview and Concurrence Form, describes the location of the request, what is being requested, and what data are required to support the request. In addition, NFIP regulations 44 CFR 65.5(a)(4) require that a community official certify that the request complies with minimum floodplain management criteria specified in 44 CFR 60.3. This form ensures that this requirement is fulfilled prior to the submittal of the request to FEMA. FEMA Form 81-89A, Riverine Hydrology and Hydraulics

Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in support of a revision request. It also addresses more common regulatory issues; FEMA Form 81-89B, Riverine Structures Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of revision requests involving new or modified structures in riverine flood hazard areas; FEMA Form 81-89C, Coastal Analysis Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of coastal analyses performed in support of a revision request. It also addresses more common regulatory issues; FEMA Form 81-89D, Coastal Structures Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of revision requests involving new or modified structures in coastal flood hazard areas; FEMA Form 81-89E, Alluvial Fan Flooding Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of alluvial fan flooding analyses performed in support of a revision request.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for profit organization such as Land Surveyors or Engineering firms will be primarily be affected by the collection. In addition, home owners, local or state officials may also be affected in some instances.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 24,360.

**ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

| Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, etc.) | Number of respondents | Frequency of responses | Burden hours per respondent | Annual responses | Total annual burden hours |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                                  | (A)                   | (B)                    | (C)                         | (D) = (A×B)      | (E) = (C×D)               |
| Form 81-89, Overview and Concurrence Form .....                  | 1,680                 | Annual (1) ...         | 1.0                         | 1,680            | 1,680                     |
| Form 81-89A, Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form .....          | 1,680                 | Annual (1) ...         | 3.5                         | 1,680            | 5,880                     |
| Form 81-89B, Riverine Structures Form .....                      | 1,680                 | Annual (1) ...         | 7.0                         | 1,680            | 11,760                    |
| Form 81-89C, Coastal Analysis Form .....                         | 1,680                 | Annual (1) ...         | 1.0                         | 1,680            | 1,680                     |
| Form 81-89D, Coastal Structures Form .....                       | 1,680                 | Annual (1) ...         | 1.0                         | 1,680            | 1,680                     |
| Form 81-89E, Alluvial Fan Flooding Form .....                    | 1,680                 | Annual (1) ...         | 1.0                         | 1,680            | 1,680                     |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                               | <b>*1,680</b>         | <b>.....</b>           | <b>14.5</b>                 | <b>10,080</b>    | <b>24,360</b>             |

\*The number of respondents equals total number of collection package received. Estimated number of collection package received in a given year is 1,680.

*Estimated Cost:* Cost to respondent is estimated to be approximately \$29.4 million annually.

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

Attention: Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, and sent via electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974. Comments must be submitted on or before October 4, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 609, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address [FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).

Dated: August 28, 2007.

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Office of Management Directorate, Federal  
Emergency Management Agency, Department  
of Homeland Security.*

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### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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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, this notice seeks  
comments concerning information  
required by FEMA to amend or revise  
National Flood Insurance Program  
(NFIP) Maps to remove certain property  
from the 1-percent annual chance  
floodplain.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With the  
passage of the Flood Disaster Protection

Act of 1973, an owner of a structure,  
with a federally backed mortgage,  
located in the 1-percent annual chance  
floodplain, was required to purchase  
federal flood insurance. This was in  
response to the escalating damage  
caused by flooding and the  
unavailability of flood insurance from  
commercial insurance companies. As  
part of this effort, FEMA mapped the 1-  
percent annual chance floodplain in  
communities. However, due to scale  
limitations, individual structures that  
may be above the base flood cannot  
always be shown as being out of the 1-  
percent annual chance floodplain.  
FEMA will issue a Letter of Map  
Amendment (LOMA) or a Letter of Map  
Revision—Based on Fill (LOMR-F) to  
waive the Federal requirement for flood  
insurance when data is submitted to  
show that the property or structure is  
“reasonably safe from flooding” and at  
or above the elevation of the base flood.  
Requestors can check on the status of  
their Letter of Map Amendment  
(LOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based  
on Fill (LOMR-F), Conditional Letter of  
Map Amendment (CLOMA), and  
Conditional Letter of Map Revision  
Based on Fill (CLOMR-F) request by  
visiting FEMA’s Mapping Information  
Platform Web site at [https://  
hazards.fema.gov](https://hazards.fema.gov).

#### Collection of Information

*Title:* Revisions to National Flood  
Insurance Program Maps: Application  
Forms and Instructions for (C)LOMAs  
and (C)LOMR-Fs.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0015.

*Form Numbers:* FEMA Forms 81-87,  
81-87A, 81-87B.

*Abstract:* The certification forms  
(referred to as MT-1 series forms) are  
designed to assist requesters in  
gathering information that the FEMA  
needs to determine whether a certain  
property is likely to be flooded during  
a flood event that has a one-percent  
annual chance of being equalled or  
exceeded in any given year (base flood).  
FEMA Form 81-87, Property  
Information, describes the location of  
the property, what is being requested,  
and what data are required to support  
the request. FEMA Form 81-87A,  
Elevation Information, indicates what  
the Base (one-percent annual chance)  
Flood Elevation (BFE) for the property  
is, how the BFE was determined, the  
lowest ground elevation on the  
property, and/or the elevation of the  
lowest adjacent grade to any structures  
on the property. This information is  
required in order for FEMA to  
determine if the property that the  
requester would like removed from the  
Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is at  
or above the BFE. FEMA Form 81-87B,  
Community Acknowledgment, requires  
that a community official certify that the  
request complies with minimum  
floodplain management criteria  
specified in 44 CFR 60.3, as per NFIP  
regulations 44 CFR 65.5(a)(4).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or  
Households, Business or other for-profit  
organizations, and state and local or  
tribal government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden  
Hours:* 58,150.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

| Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet,<br>etc.)                   | Number of<br>respondents | Frequency of<br>responses | Burden<br>hours per<br>respondent | Annual<br>responses | Total annual<br>burden hours |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                       | (A)                      | (B)                       | (C)                               | (D) = (A×B)         | (E) = (C×D)                  |
| Form 81-87, Property Information Form (Homeowners/Rep-<br>resentatives of Homeowner). | 18,272                   | Annual (1) ...            | 1.63                              | 18,272              | 29,783                       |
| Form 81-87A, Elevation Form (Surveyors/Engineers) .....                               | 18,272                   | Annual (1) ...            | 1.25                              | 18,272              | 22,840                       |
| Form 81-87B, Community Acknowledgment Form (Commu-<br>nity Officials).                | 3,389                    | Annual (1) ...            | 1.38                              | 3,389               | 4,677                        |
| On-line LOMA/LOMR-F Tutorial (Homeowners) .....                                       | 1,700                    | Annual (1) ...            | 0.5                               | 1,700               | 850                          |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                                                    | <b>41,633</b>            | .....                     | <b>4.76</b>                       | <b>41,633</b>       | <b>58,150</b>                |

*Estimated Cost:* Cost to respondents is  
estimated to be \$1,258,199 annually.

*Comments:* Interested persons are  
invited to submit written comments on  
the proposed information collection to  
the Office of Information and Regulatory  
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Contact Ms. Cecelia Lynch, FEMA,  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation

Administration at (202) 646-7045 for  
additional information. You may  
contact the Records Management  
Branch for copies of the proposed  
collection of information at facsimile  
number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail  
address: [FEMA-Information-  
Collections@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov).