

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-1864-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2008-0018]

Nebraska; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Nebraska (FEMA-1864-DR), dated December 16, 2009, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 16, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated December 16, 2009, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Nebraska resulting from a severe winter storm during the period of November 16-17, 2009, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Nebraska.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Stephen R. Thompson, of FEMA is appointed to act

as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Nebraska have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, and Thayer Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Nebraska are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**U.S. Customs and Border Protection****Request for Applicants for Appointment to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Committee Management: request for applicants for appointment to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is requesting individuals who are interested in serving on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee (or the Committee) to apply for appointment. The Committee provides advice and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of CBP on issues related to the performance of airport and seaport

inspections involving agriculture, customs, and immigration concerns.

DATES: Applications for membership should reach CBP on or before March 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to apply for membership, your application should be sent to CBP by one of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Traderelations@dhs.gov.
- *Facsimile:* (202) 344-1969.
- *Mail:* Ms. Elizabeth Williamson,

Program Management Analyst, Office of Trade Relations, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.2A, Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Williamson, Program Management Analyst, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, (202) 344-1440, FAX (202) 344-1969.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee was established as an advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. This Advisory Committee was originally established pursuant to section 286(k) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), codified at title 8 U.S.C. 1356(k), which references the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). With the merger of the Immigration and Naturalization Service into the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Advisory Committee's responsibilities were transferred from the Attorney General to the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) pursuant to section 1512(d) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

The Committee

Purpose and Objective: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Commissioner of CBP and the Secretary of DHS on issues related to the performance of airport and seaport inspections involving agriculture, customs, and immigration concerns on a regular basis in an open and candid atmosphere. The Committee provides a critical and unique forum for distinguished representatives of diverse industry sectors to present their views and advice directly to CBP officials on issues concerning staffing levels, inspectional programs, and user fees.

Balanced Membership Plans: The members will be selected by the

Commissioner of CBP (subject to approval by the Secretary of DHS) to represent the point of view of the airline, cruise ship, transportation, and other industries who may be subject to immigration and agriculture and/or customs inspection user fees. It is intended that the committee will be composed of candidates with diverse views, thus creating a balanced forum.

Committee Meetings

The Committee generally meets biannually, although additional meetings may be scheduled. The Committee is co-chaired by the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for CBP's Office of Administration (formerly the Office of Finance), and the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for CBP's Office of Field Operations.

Committee Membership

CBP is increasing the membership of this committee from the existing 10 members up to 15 members. New members will be appointed to serve a term of up to twenty-four months.

Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee. Under the Charter, a member may not send an alternate to represent him or her at a Committee meeting. However, since Committee meetings are open to the public, another person from a member's organization may attend and observe the proceedings in a nonparticipating capacity. Regular attendance is essential; the Charter provides that a member who is absent for two consecutive meetings or two meetings in a calendar year may be recommended for replacement on the Committee.

Members who are currently serving on the Committee are eligible to re-apply for membership. A new application letter (*see ADDRESSES* above) is required, but it may incorporate reference materials previously filed (please attach courtesy copies).

Members of the Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee will represent their respective interest groups and are not Special Government Employees as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code.

Members will not be compensated by the Federal Government for their service as members of the Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee.

Application for Advisory Committee Appointment

There is no prescribed format for the application. Applicants may send a letter describing their interest and qualifications and enclose a resume.

Any interested person wishing to serve on the Committee must provide the following:

- Statement of interest and reasons for application; and
- Complete professional biography or resume.

In support of the policy of the DHS on gender and ethnic diversity, qualified women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply for membership.

Dated: December 23, 2009.

Jayson P. Ahern,

Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park System Advisory Board Re-establishment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Re-establishment of the National Park System Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior intends to re-establish the National Park System Advisory Board. This action is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of statutory duties imposed upon the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shirley S. Smith, 202-208-7160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board was established initially by section 3 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 667; 16 U.S.C. 463), and has been in existence almost continuously since then. Pursuant to Public Law 111-8, the legislative authorization will expire January 1, 2010. However, due to the importance of the issues on which the Board advises, in the event the Board is not extended by legislation prior to that termination date, the Secretary of the Interior intends to exercise the authority contained in Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(c)) to re-establish and continue the Board as a discretionary committee from January 1, 2010, until such time as it may be legislatively reauthorized. If the Board is renewed legislatively after January 1, 2010, the discretionary Board will revert to a legislative Board.

The advice and recommendations provided by the Board and its subcommittees fulfill an important need within the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, and it is necessary to re-establish the Board to

ensure its work is not disrupted. The Board's twelve members will be balanced to represent a cross-section of disciplines and expertise relevant to the National Park Service mission. The re-establishment of the Board comports with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix), and follows consultation with the General Services Administration.

Certification: I hereby certify that the re-establishment of the National Park System Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the Act of August 25, 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and other statutes relating to the administration of the National Park System.

Ken Salazar,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of an information collection (1028-0092).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey is requesting renewal of an existing information collection that received emergency clearance on October 22, 2009. We will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and as part of our continued effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We 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.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before March 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection directly to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226-9230 (fax); or pponds@usgs.gov (e-mail). Use Information Collection Number 1028-0092 in the subject line.