

system user's access to information on a "need-to-know" basis. A listing of identification codes of authorized users can be printed only by request of the security officer. The passwords are changed periodically to enhance security.

#### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Files are retained on-line in a system database. Personal information collected in ACE as part of the regulation of incoming cargo and people will be retained in accordance with the U.S. Customs Records Schedules approved by the National Archive and Records Administration for the forms on which the data is submitted. This means that cargo, crew, driver, and passenger information collected from a manifest presented in connection with the arrival of a vessel, vehicle or aircraft will be retained for six years. Information collected in connection with the submission of a Postal Declaration for a mail importation will be retained for a maximum of six years and three months (as set forth pursuant to NARA Authority N1-36-86-1, U.S. Customs Records Schedule, Schedule 9 Entry Processing, Items 4 and 5). Personal information collected in connection with the creation of a carrier, broker, or importer/exporter account will be retained for up to three years following the closing of the account either through withdrawal by the individual or denial of access by CBP. Lastly, information pertaining to CBP and PGA employees will be retained for as long as the individual maintains her or his portal access to ACE and authorization to access the information.

#### SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Office of Automated Systems, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Headquarters, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

To determine whether this system contains records relating to you, write to Customer Satisfaction Unit, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Room 5.5-C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229 (phone: (202) 344-1850 and fax: (202) 344-2791).

#### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests for notification or access must be in writing and should be addressed to the Customer Satisfaction Unit, Office of Field Operations, U.S.

Customs and Border Protection, Room 5.5-C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229. Requests should conform to the requirements of 6 CFR part 5, subpart B, which provides the rules for requesting access to Privacy Act records maintained by DHS. The envelope and letter should be clearly marked "Privacy Act Access Request." The request should include a general description of the records sought and must include the requester's full name, current address, and date and place of birth. The request must be signed and either notarized or submitted under penalty of perjury.

Additionally, operational record access may be obtained through the ACE Secure Data Portal for those individuals and entities who have been approved access in accordance with the procedures published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 21800 dated May 1, 2002.

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as "Record Access Procedures."

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The system contains data received on authorized CBP forms or electronic formats from individuals and/or companies incidental to the conduct of foreign trade and required by CBP in administering the tariff laws and regulations of the United States. The system also contains information pertaining to International Mail Transactions, which is obtained from the United States Postal Service by electronic data transmission.

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

Dated: December 22, 2005.

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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, Department of Homeland Security.

Homeland Security. During this transition FEMA, also part of the Department of Homeland Security, will continue to support this program as the new

**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, this notice seeks comments concerning the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-498) authorizes the National Fire Data Center in the United States Fire Administration (USFA)<sup>1</sup> to gather and analyze information on the magnitude of the Nation's fire problem, as well as its detailed characteristics and trends. The Act further authorizes the USFA to develop uniform data reporting methods, and to encourage and assist state agencies in developing and reporting data. In order to carry out the intentions of the Act, the National Fire Data Center established the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) in 1975.

NFIRS serves as a cooperative effort of local, State, and Federal authorities to improve uniformity in fire incident reporting and to ensure that data is usable for fire protection planning and management. It also enables the USFA, and many others, to identify common trends in collected data, which may be applicable to fire problems on a national, regional, state, and local scale.

#### Collection of Information

*Title:* National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) v5.0.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0069.

*Form Numbers:* Version 5.0 NFIRS-forms/modules No. 1-12.

*Abstract:* NFIRS provides a mechanism using standardized reporting methods to collect and analyze fire incident data at the Federal, State, and local levels. Data analysis helps local fire departments and States to focus on current problems, predict future problems in their communities, and measure whether their programs are working.

*Affected Public:* Federal, State, and local governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7,583,585 hours.

Directorate stands up. Ultimately this data collection will be transferred to the Preparedness Directorate.

<sup>1</sup> The National Fire Incident Reporting System is currently being transferred to the newly created Preparedness Directorate of the Department of

## ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/Activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, etc.)	No. of respondents	Frequency of responses <sup>(1)</sup>	Burden hours per respondent	Annual Responses <sup>(2)</sup>	Total annual burden hours
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A×B)	(A×B×C)
NFIRS v5.0:					
Manual .....	1,700	1	12.00 hrs.	1,484,100	1,633,325
Electronic .....	15,300	1	4.75 hrs.	13,640,400	5,944,500
Subtotal—Modules .....	17,000	.....	.....	15,124,500	7,577,825
Training v5.0 .....	390	1	.....	390	5,760
Total .....	17,390	1	.....	15,124,890	7,583,585

<sup>1</sup> Each response may include several module submissions, though majority only NFIRS 1. Same respondent may respond more than once depending on the number of incidents being reported.

<sup>2</sup> Based on an estimated total of 10,000,000 incidents reported annually.

**Estimated Cost:** The wage burden for collection of information at the local level including training is estimated at \$113,667.375 for both manual and electronic submissions (7,583,585 hrs @ \$15/hr). The average cost to respondent per incident reported is \$180.00 and \$71.00 for the manual and electronic submission, respectively.

**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 submitted on or before March 20, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief, Records Management Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Mark A. Whitney, Fire Program Specialist, United States Fire Administration, National Fire Data Center, (301) 447-1836, or e-mail [mark.whitney@dhs.gov](mailto:mark.whitney@dhs.gov) 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).

Dated: January 12, 2006.

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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, 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 new information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning a survey of property owners in communities with high densities of disaster recipients to identify flood insurance purchasing patterns and develop strategies to improve overall compliance with flood insurance regulations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1994 National Flood Insurance Act requires flood victims in Federally declared

disaster areas to purchase flood insurance as a condition of Federal financial assistance if their property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This flood insurance coverage must be maintained for the life of a property loan or if an Individual and Household Program (IHP) grant is received, funds to cover the insurance for three years are deducted from the grant. Following the three-year, grant recipients must maintain their insurance coverage. If these victims do not comply with these requirements, they will not be eligible for future Federal disaster assistance. Flood insurance compliance among victims of federally declared flood events appears to be problematic. FEMA post-disaster records indicate that a significant number of flood-damaged structures, located both in and outside SFHAs, have either (a) never had flood insurance, or (b) purchased flood insurance but did not maintain the policies.

#### Collection of Information

**Title:** Flood Insurance Policy Acquisition and Retention Among Recipients of Federal Assistance Study.

**Type of Information Collection:** New Collection.

**OMB Number:** 1660-NW19.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Abstract:** This survey will collect information on flood insurance purchasing patterns among property owners in communities with high densities of disaster recipients. Data findings will be used to develop strategies to improve compliance with flood insurance regulations.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 400 hours.