

disqualification involves gross misconduct, misrepresentation, or bad faith by an applicant, the Commission may declare the applicant and its principals ineligible to bid in future auctions, and may take any other action that it deems necessary, including institution of proceedings to revoke any existing licenses held by the applicant. See 47 CFR 1.2109(d).

D. Refund of Remaining Upfront Payment Balance

120. All applicants that submitted upfront payments but were not winning bidders for an Upper Bands license may be entitled to a refund of their remaining upfront payment balance after the conclusion of the auction. No refund will be made unless there are excess funds on deposit from that applicant after any applicable bid withdrawal payments have been paid.

121. Bidders that drop out of the auction completely may be eligible for a refund of their upfront payments before the close of the auction. However, bidders that reduce their eligibility and remain in the auction are not eligible for partial refunds of upfront payments until the close of the auction. Qualified bidders that have exhausted all of their activity rule waivers, have no remaining bidding eligibility, and have not withdrawn a high bid during the auction must submit a written refund request which includes wire transfer instructions, a Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN"), and a copy of their bidding eligibility screen print to: Federal Communications Commission, Financial Operations Center, Auctions Accounting Group, Shirley Hanberry, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A824, Washington, D.C. 20554.

122. Bidders can also fax their request to the Auctions Accounting Group at (202) 418-2843. Once the request has been approved, a refund will be sent to the address provided on the FCC Form 159.

Note: Refund processing generally takes up to two weeks to complete. Bidders with questions about refunds should contact Michelle Bennett or Gail Glasser at (202) 418-1995.

Federal Communications Commission.

Thomas Sugrue,

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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

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 proposed revised information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the collection requirements for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP began in 1968. A central element in the NFIP is the promotion and implementation of a sound local floodplain management program. Communities must adopt minimum floodplain management standards in order to participate in the NFIP and receive the benefits of flood insurance. The Community Rating System (CRS) was designed by FEMA to encourage, through the use of flood insurance premium discounts, communities and states to undertake activities that will mitigate flooding and flood damage, beyond the minimum standards for NFIP participation. The National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 codified the CRS.

The NFIP/CRS Coordinator's Manual includes a schedule and commentary. The Application Worksheets and CRS Application are published separately. Communities will use the manuals to apply for activity points leading up to a 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. To apply, communities submit to FEMA the attached application worksheets and requisite documentation. Once approved, the applications are reviewed and field verified by Insurance Service Organization (ISO), Commercial Risk Services, Inc., an insurance industry service organization with varied experience, especially with community fire rating.

Collection of Information

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

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

OMB Number: 3067-0195.

Form Numbers: FEMA Form 81-83, FIA 15.

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 a 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.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,260.

FEMA forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A B C)
81-83 (New, Modified and Cycle Applications)	220	1	29	6,380
81-83 (Recertification Applications)	720	1	4	2,880
Total	940	9,260

Estimated Cost: There is no cost to communities for this collection other than staff time, which, is part of their normal floodplain management duties.

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 should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Bret Gates, CRS Coordinator, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, at (202) 646-4133, or by e:mail at bret.gates@fema.gov for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

Reginald Trujillo,

*Director, Program Services Division,
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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 proposed revised information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the proposed revision of existing information from applicants seeking grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The information collection described in this notice is the State Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Program was created with the passing of the Stafford Act in November of 1988. The Program, authorized by Section 404 of the Act, provides States and local governments financial assistance to implement measures that will permanently reduce or eliminate future damages and losses from natural hazards.

In December 1993 the President signed the Hazard Mitigation and Relocation Assistance Act that amended Section 404. This amendment increased the cost share of the HMGP to a maximum of 75 percent Federal and increased the amount of funding available for the Program to 15 percent of all other disaster grants. The amendment also imposed new implementing requirements on acquisition and relocation projects funded under the Program. FEMA published an interim rule in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 1994, amending the original program regulations published in May 1989, to implement the changes.

The statutory changes combined with the Administration's National Performance Review initiative provided an opportunity for FEMA to evaluate the overall program and make improvements. The 1993 increase in program funding significantly heightened public interest in the Program and has served to underscore the need to clarify HGMP eligibility, simplify program administration, and expedite grant award and implementation.

The changes represented here are only a first step in the ongoing process to enhance the program. FEMA is working with its customers to develop and improve training and guidance to

accompany the new regulations. Successful implementation of the changes will require clear guidance for both FEMA staff and State grantees.

Collection of Information

Title: State Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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

OMB Number: 3067-0208.

Abstract: The State must have an approved State Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Administrative Plan to be eligible to receive funds under HMGP. This plan outlines the procedures for administration of the program and management of program funds. The plan is revised after each major disaster declaration to take into account changes in the administration of the program or in current program policy. The plan should be incorporated as either a separate chapter or annex to the state's emergency response or operations plan. The Administrative Plan must include: (1) Designation of the state agency that will act as grantee; (2) identification of the State Hazard Mitigation Officer responsible for all matters related to the program; (3) determination of staffing requirements and sources of staff necessary for administration of the program, and (4) establish procedures to: (i) comply with administrative requirements of 44 CFR parts 13 and 206; (ii) identify and notify potential applicants of the availability of the program; (iii) ensure that potential applicants are provided information on the application process, program eligibility, and key deadlines; (iv) provide technical assistance as required to applicants and subgrantees; (v) gather environmental data and/or conduct environmental reviews; (vi) process requests for advances of funds and reimbursement; (vii) monitor and evaluate the progress and completion of the funded projects; (viii) provide quarterly performance and financial reports to the Regional Director; (ix) process appeals; and (x) comply with audit requirements of 44 CFR 14.