

the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607, against 701 West Associates LLC. ("Purchaser"). The settlement would require the Purchaser to, among other things, reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency \$20,000.00 for response costs incurred and to be incurred at the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the Purchaser Agreement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: *Availability.* The Purchaser Agreement and additional background information relating to the Purchaser Agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the Purchaser Agreement may be obtained from Thomas A. Cinti (3RC42), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Comments. Comments should reference the "North Penn Area 6 Superfund Site, Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. CERC-PPA-2000-0004," and should be forwarded to Thomas A. Cinti at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Cinti (3RC42), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Phone: (215) 814-2634

Dated: August 17, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Date and Place: September 14, 2000, Washington, DC. This meeting will take place in the AIA Boardroom (second floor) of the headquarters of the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to meet in open session on Thursday, September 14, 2000, from approximately 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m., to discuss (1) the work of the National Science and Technology Council; and (2) Science and Technology and International Affairs.

Public Comments: There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Written comments are welcome any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Cynthia Chase, of the PCAST Executive Secretariat, at (202) 456-6100, or fax your requests/comments to (202) 456-6026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Cynthia Chase, of the PCAST Executive Secretariat, at (202) 456-6100, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2000. Information may also be available at the PCAST website at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/NSTC/PCAST/pcast.html>. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come first served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 12882, as amended, on November 23, 1993, September 29, 1995, September 29, 1997, and September 30, 1999. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the

President on matters of national importance that have significant science and technology content, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Committee members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and, by John Young, former President and CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Barbara Ann Ferguson,

Assistant Director, Budget and Administration, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is submitting a request for review and approval of a collection of information under the emergency processing procedures in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation 5 CFR 1320.13. FEMA is requesting the collection of information be approved by August 28, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act Public Law 93-288, as amended, authorizes the President to provide assistance to individuals and to State and local government to help them to respond to and recover from a disaster. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has amended the Standard Flood Insurance Policy to address the "closed basin lake" continuous flooding circumstance. An endorsement has been added to all policies, allowing policyholders to file a total loss claim for the insured building to be continuously inundated for 90 days. The Closed-Basin Lake Endorsement allows policyholder to file a total loss claim for an insured building that is actually damaged or under imminent threat of flooding, without the requirement for the building to be continuously inundated for 90 days. The claim payment must be used by the policyholder to relocate the structure out of the flood area.

Collection of Information

Title: Closed-Basin Lake Endorsement.

Type of Information Collection: New collection.

OMB Number: 3067

Abstract: In order for a community or area to begin the process of being designated a "closed basin lake," and in order for homeowners and commercial interests to be eligible for a total loss claim under the closed basin lake flood insurance policy endorsement, the community, county, or other local jurisdiction must request this designation in writing to the FEMA Regional Director, through the State NFIP Coordinating Agency. If the Regional Director concurs that a "close basin lake" flooding conditions exists, then he or she will forward a written recommendation to FEMA's Mitigation Directorate, that the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) be revised to include an Area of Special Consideration (ASC).

FEMA Forms: 81-42, 81-42A, 81-43.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or Other For Profit, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 235.

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; (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.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, ATTN: FEMA Desk Officer, Room 10202, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made 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.

Dated: August 17, 2000.

Reginald Trujillo,

*Director, Program Services Division,
Operations Support Directorate.*

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1338-DR]

**District of Columbia; Major Disaster
and Related Determinations**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the District of Columbia (FEMA-1338-DR), dated August 17, 2000, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated August 17, 2000, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the District of Columbia, resulting from severe thunderstorms on August 7, 2000, 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). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the District of Columbia.

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 Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

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

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management

Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Thomas Davies of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the District of Columbia to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

The District of Columbia for Public Assistance.

The District of Columbia is 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: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

James L. Witt,

Director.

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1333-DR]

**Minnesota; Amendment No. 6 to Notice
of a Major Disaster Declaration**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Minnesota (FEMA-1333-DR), dated June 27, 2000, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Minnesota is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 27, 2000:

Chippewa County for Individual Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora