

public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than April 5, 2007. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 5, 2007. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than April 5, 2007.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: February 21, 2007.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Protection.

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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, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 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 Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST), a self-assessment tool for State, territorial, tribal, and local governments to evaluate and report on their jurisdiction's achievement with regards to NIMS implementation activities issued by FEMA's NIMS Integration Center.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5) Management of Domestic Incidents called for the establishment of a single, comprehensive NIMS. The NIMS is a system that improves response operations through the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) and other standard procedures and preparedness measures. It also promotes development of multi-jurisdictional, statewide and interstate regional mechanisms for coordinating incident management and obtaining assistance during large-scale or complex incidents. HSPD-5 dictated that Federal departments and agencies shall make adoption of the NIMS a requirement for the provision of Federal preparedness assistance funds. HSPD-5 also established and designated the NIMS Integration Center as the lead Federal agency to coordinate NIMS compliance. One of the primary functions of the NIMS Integration Center is to ensure NIMS remains an accurate and effective management tool through refining and adapting compliance requirements to address ongoing preparedness needs. To accomplish this, the NIMS Integration Center relies on input from Federal, State, local, tribal, multi-discipline and

private authorities to assure continuity and accuracy of ongoing efforts.

NIMS compliance must be an ongoing effort as new personnel must be trained and plans must be revised to reflect lessons learned. States play an important role in ensuring the effective implementation of the NIMS. They must ensure that the systems and processes are in place to communicate the NIMS requirements to local jurisdictions and support them in implementing the NIMS. The long-term benefit of adopting and implementing the NIMS is that it strengthens our nation's capabilities to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any incident.

The NIMSCAST is designed to reflect the newly-released FY 2007 implementation activities and metrics and to inform the NIMS Integration Center and the Department of Homeland Security of any given jurisdiction's compliance with the NIMS.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST).

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0087.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Abstract:* The NIMSCAST is the tool utilized to (a) Evaluate a State, territory, tribal, and local government's compliance with standards and requirements established in the NIMS and/or NIMS Integration Center, (b) determine eligibility for Federal preparedness assistance, and (c) strengthen incident management programs at the department, agency, or jurisdiction level.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 280.

| Data collection activity/instrument    | Number of respondents | Frequency of responses | Hour burden per response | Annual responses | Total annual hour burden |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| NIMSCAST: States and Territories ..... | 56                    | 1                      | 5                        | 56               | 280                      |
| Total .....                            | 56                    | 1                      | 5                        | 56               | 280                      |

*Estimated Cost:* The annual cost to respondents is calculated based on 280 hours of annual burden completed by state emergency management specialists with a median wage of \$22.10 per hour for a total burden of \$6,188.

*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 April 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief,

Records Management and Privacy, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 609, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Marc Tagliento, NIMS Integration Center's Compliance and Technical Assistance Branch, (202) 646-2687 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: February 16, 2007.

**John A. Sharets-Sullivan,**

*Chief, Records Management and Privacy, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1682-DR]

#### Washington; 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 Washington (FEMA-1682-DR), dated February 14, 2007, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 14, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated February 14, 2007, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Washington resulting from a severe winter storm, landslides, and mudslides during the period of December 14-15, 2006, 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. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Washington.

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, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be 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. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later requested and warranted, Federal funding under that program will also 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.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Elizabeth Turner, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

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

Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, King, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Wahkiakum Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Washington 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 Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**R. David Paulison,**

*Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management and Director of FEMA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I-612, Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; OMB Control No. 1615-0030.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until April 30, 2007.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529.

Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352, or via e-mail at [rfs.regs@dhs.gov](mailto:rfs.regs@dhs.gov). When submitting comments by email add the OMB Control Number 1615-0030 in the subject box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,