

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

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

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

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 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning information required by FEMA to revise National Flood Insurance Program Maps.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With the passage of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, an owner of a structure, with a federally backed mortgage, located in the 1-percent annual chance floodplain, was required to purchase federal flood insurance. This was in response to the escalating damage caused by flooding and the unavailability of flood insurance from commercial insurance companies. As part of this effort, FEMA mapped the 1-

percent annual chance floodplain in communities. However, the 1-percent annual chance floodplain may change due to changes within the floodplain, or may be more accurately depicted through the use of more up-to-date methods and data. FEMA will issue a Letter of Map Revision to officially revise the 1-percent annual chance floodplain.

Collection of Information

Title: Revision to National Flood Insurance Program Maps: Application Forms for LOMRs and CLOMRs.

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

OMB Number: 1660-0016.

Form Numbers: FEMA forms 81-89, 81-89A, 81-89B, 81-89C, 81-89D, 81-89E.

Abstract: The certification forms (referred to as MT-2 series forms) are designed to assist requesters in gathering information that FEMA needs to revise a National Flood Insurance Program map. FEMA Form 81-89, Overview and Concurrence Form, describes the location of the request, what is being requested, and what data are required to support the request. In addition, NFIP regulations 44 CFR 65.5(a)(4) require that a community official certify that the request complies with minimum floodplain management criteria specified in 44 CFR 60.3. This form ensures that this requirement is fulfilled prior to the submittal of the request to FEMA. FEMA Form 81-89A, Riverine Hydrology and Hydraulics

Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in support of a revision request. It also addresses more common regulatory issues; FEMA Form 81-89B, Riverine Structures Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of revision requests involving new or modified structures in riverine flood hazard areas; FEMA Form 81-89C, Coastal Analysis Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of coastal analyses performed in support of a revision request. It also addresses more common regulatory issues; FEMA Form 81-89D, Coastal Structures Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of revision requests involving new or modified structures in coastal flood hazard areas; FEMA Form 81-89E, Alluvial Fan Flooding Form, allows FEMA to efficiently review assumptions made, parameters used, and the results of alluvial fan flooding analyses performed in support of a revision request.

Affected Public: Business and other for profit organization such as Land Surveyors or Engineering firms will be primarily be affected by the collection. In addition, home owners, local or state officials may also be affected in some instances.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24,360.

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, etc.)	Number of respondents	Frequency of responses	Burden hours per respondent	Annual responses	Total annual burden hours
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D) = (A×B)	(E) = (C×D)
Form 81-89, Overview and Concurrence Form	1,680	Annual (1) ...	1.0	1,680	1,680
Form 81-89A, Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form	1,680	Annual (1) ...	3.5	1,680	5,880
Form 81-89B, Riverine Structures Form	1,680	Annual (1) ...	7.0	1,680	11,760
Form 81-89C, Coastal Analysis Form	1,680	Annual (1) ...	1.0	1,680	1,680
Form 81-89D, Coastal Structures Form	1,680	Annual (1) ...	1.0	1,680	1,680
Form 81-89E, Alluvial Fan Flooding Form	1,680	Annual (1) ...	1.0	1,680	1,680
Total	*1,680	14.5	10,080	24,360

*The number of respondents equals total number of collection package received. Estimated number of collection package received in a given year is 1,680.

Estimated Cost: Cost to respondent is estimated to be approximately \$29.4 million annually.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management Budget,

Attention: Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974. Comments must be submitted on or before October 4, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection should be made to Chief, Records Management, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 609, Washington, DC 20472, facsimile number (202) 646-3347, or e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: August 28, 2007.

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 Office of Management Directorate, Federal
 Emergency Management Agency, Department
 of Homeland Security.

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 revised information collection. In
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 Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks
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 required by FEMA to amend or revise
 National Flood Insurance Program
 (NFIP) Maps to remove certain property
 from the 1-percent annual chance
 floodplain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With the
 passage of the Flood Disaster Protection

Act of 1973, an owner of a structure,
 with a federally backed mortgage,
 located in the 1-percent annual chance
 floodplain, was required to purchase
 federal flood insurance. This was in
 response to the escalating damage
 caused by flooding and the
 unavailability of flood insurance from
 commercial insurance companies. As
 part of this effort, FEMA mapped the 1-
 percent annual chance floodplain in
 communities. However, due to scale
 limitations, individual structures that
 may be above the base flood cannot
 always be shown as being out of the 1-
 percent annual chance floodplain.
 FEMA will issue a Letter of Map
 Amendment (LOMA) or a Letter of Map
 Revision—Based on Fill (LOMR-F) to
 waive the Federal requirement for flood
 insurance when data is submitted to
 show that the property or structure is
 “reasonably safe from flooding” and at
 or above the elevation of the base flood.
 Requestors can check on the status of
 their Letter of Map Amendment
 (LOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based
 on Fill (LOMR-F), Conditional Letter of
 Map Amendment (CLOMA), and
 Conditional Letter of Map Revision
 Based on Fill (CLOMR-F) request by
 visiting FEMA’s Mapping Information
 Platform Web site at [https://
 hazards.fema.gov](https://hazards.fema.gov).

Collection of Information

Title: Revisions to National Flood
 Insurance Program Maps: Application
 Forms and Instructions for (C)LOMAs
 and (C)LOMR-Fs.

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

OMB Number: 1660-0015.

Form Numbers: FEMA Forms 81-87,
 81-87A, 81-87B.

Abstract: The certification forms
 (referred to as MT-1 series forms)
 are designed to assist requesters in
 gathering information that the FEMA
 needs to determine whether a certain
 property is likely to be flooded during
 a flood event that has a one-percent
 annual chance of being equalled or
 exceeded in any given year (base flood).
 FEMA Form 81-87, Property
 Information, describes the location of
 the property, what is being requested,
 and what data are required to support
 the request. FEMA Form 81-87A,
 Elevation Information, indicates what
 the Base (one-percent annual chance)
 Flood Elevation (BFE) for the property
 is, how the BFE was determined, the
 lowest ground elevation on the
 property, and/or the elevation of the
 lowest adjacent grade to any structures
 on the property. This information is
 required in order for FEMA to
 determine if the property that the
 requester would like removed from the
 Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is at
 or above the BFE. FEMA Form 81-87B,
 Community Acknowledgment, requires
 that a community official certify that the
 request complies with minimum
 floodplain management criteria
 specified in 44 CFR 60.3, as per NFIP
 regulations 44 CFR 65.5(a)(4).

Affected Public: Individuals or
 Households, Business or other for-profit
 organizations, and state and local or
 tribal government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
 Hours:* 58,150.

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, etc.)	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of responses (B)	Burden hours per respondent (C)	Annual responses (D) = (A×B)	Total annual burden hours (E) = (C×D)
Form 81-87, Property Information Form (Homeowners/Representatives of Homeowner).	18,272	Annual (1) ...	1.63	18,272	29,783
Form 81-87A, Elevation Form (Surveyors/Engineers)	18,272	Annual (1) ...	1.25	18,272	22,840
Form 81-87B, Community Acknowledgment Form (Community Officials).	3,389	Annual (1) ...	1.38	3,389	4,677
On-line LOMA/LOMR-F Tutorial (Homeowners)	1,700	Annual (1) ...	0.5	1,700	850
Total	41,633	4.76	41,633	58,150

Estimated Cost: Cost to respondents is estimated to be \$1,258,199 annually.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Contact Ms. Cecelia Lynch, FEMA,
 Federal Insurance and Mitigation

Administration at (202) 646-7045 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).