

Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1558-DR]

#### West Virginia; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of West Virginia (FEMA-1558-DR), dated September 20, 2004, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 27, 2004.

**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 the incident period for this disaster is closed effective September 27, 2004.

(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.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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#### Privacy Act of 1974; Updating the Student Application and Registration System of Records

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP and R) Directorate, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed revision to an existing Privacy Act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), FEMA proposes to upgrade the system of records currently entitled "Student Application and Registration Records, FEMA/NETC/-017," by amending the method of collecting the information from hard copy only to hard copy and electronic. FEMA is also modifying this system of records to reflect its transfer to DHS. Subsections 552a(e)(4) and (11) of Title 5, United States Code, provide that the public be given a 30-day period in which to comment on routine uses. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has oversight responsibility under the Act, requires a 40-day period in which to review the proposed systems.

**DATES:** The proposed system of records will be effective November 15, 2004, unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination. The public, OMB and Congress are invited to comment on the proposed system of records.

**ADDRESSES:** We invite your comments on this system of records. Please address them to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, room 840, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (telefax) (202) 646-4536, or (email) [FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rena Y. Kim, Privacy Act Officer, room 840, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472; (telephone) (202) 646-3949.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Prior to March 1, 2003, FEMA was an independent agency within the Federal government. While operating as an independent agency, FEMA established this Privacy Act system of records. See 55 FR 37182, Sept. 7, 1990; 52 FR 324, Jan. 5, 1987; 49 FR 45257, Nov. 15, 1984; 48 FR 12132, Mar. 23, 1982; 47 FR 53483, Nov. 26, 1982; 46 FR 49726, Oct.

7, 1981; 45 FR 67830, Oct. 14, 1980; and 45 FR 51431, Aug. 1, 1980. As of March 1, 2003, FEMA became a component of EP and R, which is a Directorate of DHS. The previous notice is, therefore, being updated in part to reflect the transfer of FEMA's functions to the EP and R Directorate within DHS and in part to reflect a conversion in the type of records being maintained in this system.

This system of records contains information provided by individuals applying for courses offered by the National Fire Academy (NFA) and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) on-campus and off-campus, by State and local training agencies, through selected colleges and universities, and through independent self-study. Information collected includes citizenship (city and country of birth for non-U.S. citizens), social security number or an alternate number that has been assigned in lieu of the social security number, name, mailing address, work phone number, alternate phone number, fax number, e-mail address, course code and title, course location, dates requested, course pre-requisite as described in the course catalog, special assistance request, name and address of the organization being represented, fire department identification number, current position and years in that position, category of the position, jurisdiction type, type of work for the organization, organization type, employment status, number of staff in the organization, size of population served by the organization, brief description of the activities or responsibilities as they relate to the course for which they are applying, primary responsibility and type of experience, number of years of experience, date of birth, sex, ethnicity and race. Information such as age, sex, and ancestral heritage are used for statistical purposes only and are provided on a voluntary basis. The social security number is necessary because of the large number of individuals who may have identical names and birth dates and whose identities can only be distinguished by their social security number. Disclosure of an individual's social security number is voluntary. However, if an applicant does not provide a social security number, a unique identification number will be substituted, which will affect the ability to retrieve complete training information on an applicant. The information is contained in the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Admissions System. It will consist of computerized files and paper records retrieved by name or social security number.