

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

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

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; 60-day notice and request for comments; Revision of a currently approved collection, OMB Number: 1660-0069, National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) v5.0.

**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 revised information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the continued use of the National Fire

Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) v5.0 database.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control conducted a comprehensive study of the Nation's fire problem and recommended to Congress actions to mitigate the fire problem, reduce loss of life and property, and educate the public on fire protection and prevention. As a result of the study, Congress enacted Public Law 93-498, Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, which establishes the U.S. Fire Administration to administer fire prevention and control programs, supplement existing programs of research, training, and education, and encourage new and improved programs and activities by State and local governments.

Section 9(a) of the Act authorizes the Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), to operate directly or through contracts or grants, an integrated, comprehensive method to select, analyze, publish, and disseminate information related to prevention,

occurrence, control, and results of fires of all types.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) v5.0.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0069.

*Form Numbers:* The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) v5.0.

*Abstract:* NFIRS provides a mechanism using standardized reporting methods to collect and analyze fire incident data at the Federal, State, and local levels. Data analysis helps local fire departments and States to focus on current problems, predict future problems in their communities, and measure whether their programs are working.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,769,720 burden hours.

Annual Hour Burden

TABLE A.12—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS AND COSTS

Type of respondent	Form name/form number	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden (in hours)	Average hourly wage rate	Total annual respondent cost (\$)
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	NFIRS Version 5.0 Modules 1-12 (Manual).	2,200	950	1.13 hours (68 minutes).	2,361,700	21.22	50,115,274.00
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	NFIRS Version 5.0 Modules 1-12 (Electronic).	19,800	942	27 min (0.45 hr) ....	8,393,220	21.22	178,104,128.40
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	NFA Program Manager Training.	30	1	48 hours .....	1,440	21.22	30,556.80
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	NFA Program Manager Orientation.	60	1	16 hours .....	960	21.22	20,371.20
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	NFIC Training Workshop.	100	1	16 hours .....	1,600	21.22	33,952.00
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	NFIC CD/on-site Orientation.	200	1	4 hours .....	800	21.22	16,976.00
State, Local, or Tribal Government.	Introduction to NFRIS Distance Learning.	500	1	20 hours .....	10,000	21.22	212,200.00
Total .....	.....	22,890	.....	.....	10,769,720	.....	228,553,458.40

*Estimated Cost:* The estimated annualized cost to respondents based on wage rate categories is \$228,553,458.40. The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government is \$13,310,000.

*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 February 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Office of

Management, Records Management Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Mark Whitney, Fire Program Specialist, United States Fire Administration, National Fire Data Center, (301) 447-1836 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*.

Dated: December 19, 2008.

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**ACTION:** Notice; 60-day notice and request for comments; Revision of a

currently approved collection, 1660-0045, No Forms.

**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 revised information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the collection of information to assure appropriate flood insurance rates being placed on the affected public within Monroe County in Florida.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 44 CFR Parts 59 and 61, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Inspection of Insured Structures by Communities implements the inspection procedures in Monroe County, the City of Marathon, and the Village of Islamorada, Florida and any other community that incorporates in Monroe County on or after January 1, 1999. The inspection procedure has two major purposes: (1) To help the communities of Monroe County, the City of Marathon, and the Village of Islamorada, Florida, and any other communities in Monroe County that incorporate after January 1, 1999, verify that structures in their communities (those built after the effective date of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)), referred to as post-FIRM, comply with the community's

floodplain management ordinance; and (2) to ensure that property owners pay flood insurance premiums commensurate with their flood risk. The inspection procedure requires owners of insured buildings (policyholders) to obtain an inspection from community floodplain management officials and submit a community inspection report as a condition of renewing the Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) on buildings.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Inspection of Insured Structures by Communities.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0045.

*Form Numbers:* No Forms.

*Abstract:* The community inspection report is used for the implementation of the inspection procedures to help communities in Monroe County, the City of Marathon and the Village of Islamorada, Florida verify buildings are compliant with their floodplain management ordinance and to help FEMA ensure that policyholders are paying flood insurance premiums that are commensurate with their flood risk.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, State, local and Tribal governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,041 hours.

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Type of respondent	Form name/form number	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden (in hours)	Avg. hourly wage rate	Total annual respondent cost
Individuals/Households.	Inspection acquisition/No form.	833	1	.25	208	\$19.29	\$4,012
State/Local/Tribal Governments.	Inspection results submission/No Form.	833	1	1	833	23.15	19,284
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>1,041</b>	.....	<b>23,296</b>

*Estimated Cost:* The estimated annualized cost to respondents based on wage rate categories is \$23,296. The estimated annualized cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers is \$168,266. The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government is \$10,173.

*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 February 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Office of Management, Records Management Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, Mail Drop Room 301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Jennifer Tylander, Program Specialist, FEMA Mitigation Directorate, (202) 646-2607 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202)