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**Privacy Threshold Analysis**

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**PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)**

**This form is used to determine whether  
a Privacy Impact Assessment is required.**

Please use the attached form to determine whether a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is required under the E-Government Act of 2002 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Please complete this form and send it to your component Privacy Office. If you do not have a component Privacy Office, please send the PTA to the DHS Privacy Office:

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Upon receipt from the component Privacy Office, the DHS Privacy Office will review this form. If a PIA is required, the DHS Privacy Office will send you a copy of the Official Privacy Impact Assessment Guide and accompanying Template to complete and return.

A copy of the Guide and Template is available on the DHS Privacy Office website, [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy), on DHSConnect and directly from the DHS Privacy Office via email: [pia@dhs.gov](mailto:pia@dhs.gov), phone: 703-235-0780.



## PRIVACY THRESHOLD ANALYSIS (PTA)

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Date Submitted for Review:** April 30, 2012

**Name of Project:** Request for Presidential Disaster Declaration, Major Disaster or Emergency(1660-0009)

**System Name in TAFISMA:**

**Name of Component:** Federal Emergency Management Agency

**Name of Project Manager:** Peggy Miller; Jessica Stewart

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**Phone Number for Project Manager:** (202)646-3886 (Peggy Miller); (202) 646-1772 (Jessica Stewart)

**Type of Project:**

Information Technology and/or System.\*

A Notice of Proposed Rule Making or a Final Rule.

Form or other Information Collection.

Other: <Please describe the type of project including paper based Privacy Act system of records.>

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\* The E-Government Act of 2002 defines these terms by reference to the definition sections of Titles 40 and 44 of the United States Code. The following is a summary of those definitions:

•“Information Technology” means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information. See 40 U.S.C. § 11101(6).

•“Information System” means a discrete set of information resources organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemination, or disposition of information. See: 44. U.S.C. § 3502(8).

Note: for purposes of this form, there is no distinction made between national security systems or technologies/systems managed by contractors. All technologies/systems should be initially reviewed for potential privacy impact.



## SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

**1. Describe the project and its purpose:**

If a State is impacted by an event of a severity and magnitude that is beyond its response capabilities, the State Governor may seek a declaration by the President that a major disaster or emergency exists under sections 401 and 501 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5190). The request will now be submitted through a FEMA form. FEMA evaluates the request and recommends to the President what response action to take. If the request is granted, the State may be eligible to receive assistance under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170a, 5170b, 5170c; 5172, 5173, and 5174.

FEMA uses the aforementioned form to collect information from the requesting State. The form prompts a State to better describe the impact of disaster or emergency when seeking a Presidential declaration. With this new form, FEMA will be better able to process, analyze, and evaluate declaration requests. The creation of this new form necessitates this PTA.

FEMA will use the State's information submitted in the form to determine what recommendations to make to the President. Based on this information, the President may either grant the request or not. The form contains the Governor's point of contact and general office phone number as well as other State specific and disaster specific information of a non-identifiable nature. The data collected on the form is neither retrieved nor retrievable by PII. Any retrieval would be done by State specific or disaster specific information of a non-identifiable nature. Any subsequent use of the information is evaluated in additional, separate PTAs.

**2. Status of Project:**

This is a new development effort.

The request form is new, but the declaration request process has been in effect since April 1, 1979.

This is an existing project.

**3. From whom do you collect, process, or retain information on: (Please check all that apply)**

DHS Employees.

Contractors working on behalf of DHS.

The Public.

The System does not contain any such information.



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**4. Do you use or collect Social Security Numbers (SSNs)? (This includes truncated SSNs)**

No.

Yes. Why does the program collect SSNs? Provide the function of the SSN and the legal authority to do so:

<Please provide the function of the SSN and the legal authority to do so.>

**5. What information about individuals could be collected, generated or retained?**

Governor's point of contact and general office phone number.

**6. If this project is a technology/system, does it relate solely to infrastructure? [For example, is the system a Local Area Network (LAN) or Wide Area Network (WAN)]?**

No. Please continue to the next question.

Yes. Is there a log kept of communication traffic?

No. Please continue to the next question.

Yes. What type of data is recorded in the log? (Please choose all that apply.)

Header.

Payload Please describe the data that is logged.

<Please list the data elements in the log.>

**7. Does the system connect, receive, or share Personally Identifiable Information with any other DHS systems<sup>1</sup>?**

No.

Yes.

Please list:

**8. Is there a Certification & Accreditation record within OCIO's FISMA tracking system?**

Unknown.

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<sup>1</sup> PII may be shared, received, or connected to other DHS systems directly, automatically, or by manual processes. Often, these systems are listed as "interconnected systems" in TAFISMA.



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No.

Yes. Please indicate the determinations for each of the following:

Confidentiality:  Low  Moderate  High  Undefined

Integrity:  Low  Moderate  High  Undefined

Availability:  Low  Moderate  High  Undefined



## PRIVACY THRESHOLD REVIEW

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DHS PRIVACY OFFICE)

Date reviewed by the DHS Privacy Office: April 30, 2012

Name of the DHS Privacy Office Reviewer: Rebecca J. Richards

### DESIGNATION

This is NOT a Privacy Sensitive System – the system contains no Personally Identifiable Information.

This IS a Privacy Sensitive System

#### Category of System

- IT System.
- National Security System.
- Legacy System.
- HR System.
- Rule.
- Other: Information Collection

#### Determination

- PTA sufficient at this time.
- Privacy compliance documentation determination in progress.
- PIA is not required at this time.
- PIA is required.
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  - New PIA is required.
  - PIA update is required.
- SORN not required at this time.
- SORN is required.
  - System covered by existing SORN:
  - New SORN is required.



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**DHS PRIVACY OFFICE COMMENTS: PIA AND SORN NOT REQUIRED BECAUSE  
INFORMATION IS NOT RETRIEVABLE BY PERSONAL IDENTIFIER. INFORMATION IS  
RETRIEVED BY THE STATE HAVING THE DISASTER**