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**Affected Public:** Individuals and households, business or other for-profit, not for profit institutions, farms, Federal government, State, local or tribal government.

**Number of Respondents:** 2,148,746.

**Number of Responses:** 8,594,984.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 4,297,492.

**Estimated Cost:** There are no annual capital, start-up, and operation or maintenance costs associated with this collection.

### Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. 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.

Dated: July 23, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2013-0029; OMB No. 1660-0005]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Flood Insurance Program Claim Forms

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the collection of information related to the flood insurance claims process.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 30, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments.

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under docket ID FEMA-2013-0029. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Docket Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Room 840, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Waters, Insurance Examiner, FEMA at (202) 212-4725 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or email address: [FEMA-Information-Collections-Manage@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections-Manage@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is codified as 42 U.S.C. 4001, *et sec.* and is authorized by Public Law 90-448 (1968) and expanded by Public Law 93-234 (1973). The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 requires that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides flood insurance at full actuarial rates with limited exceptions for certain structures reflecting the complete flood risk to structures built or substantially improved on or after the effective date for the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the

community, or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, so that the risk associated with buildings in flood-prone areas are borne by those located in such areas and not by the taxpayers at large. In accordance with Public Law 93-234, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory when Federal or federally related financial assistance is being provided for acquisition or construction of buildings located, or to be located, within FEMA-identified special flood hazard areas of communities that are participating in the NFIP. When flood damage occurs to insured property, information is collected to report, investigate, and negotiate in order to settle the claim.

### The NFIP Appeals Process

Section 205 of The Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act (FIRA) of 2004, Public Law 108-264, requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish by regulation an additional process for the appeal of decisions of flood insurance claims issued through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Consequently, FEMA published an interim final rule in May 2006 and a final rule in October 2006 codifying into regulation what was previously an existing informal process to handle appeals regarding decisions related to coverage, or claims under the NFIP.

### Collection of Information

**Title:** National Flood Insurance Program Claim Forms.

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

**FEMA Forms:** FEMA Form 086-0-6; Worksheet—Content—Personal Property; 086-0-7; Worksheet—Building; 086-0-8; Worksheet—Building (Continued); 086-0-9; Proof of Loss; 086-0-10; Increased Cost of Compliance Proof of Loss; 086-0-11; Notice of Loss; 086-0-12; Statement as to Full Cost of Repair or Replacement under the Replacement Cost Coverage, Subject to Terms and Conditions of this Policy; 086-0-13; National Flood Insurance Program Preliminary Report; 086-0-14; National Flood Insurance Program Final Report; 086-0-15; National Flood Insurance Program Narrative Report; 086-0-16; Cause of Loss and Subrogation Report; 086-0-17; Manufactured (Mobile) Home/Travel Trailer Worksheet; 086-0-18; Manufactured (Mobile) Home/Travel Trailer Worksheet (Continued); 086-0-19; Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) Adjusters Report; 086-0-20; Adjuster Preliminary Damage Assessment; 086-0-21; Adjuster Certification

Application, NFIP Claims Appeals Process.

**Abstract:** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) appeal process establishes a formal mechanism to allow NFIP policyholders to appeal the decisions of any insurance agent, adjuster, insurance company, or any Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee or contractor, in cases or unsatisfactory decisions on claims, proof of loss, and loss estimates.

**Affected Public:** Individuals, households, farms, businesses, and other for profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 97,242.

**Number of Responses:** 97,242.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 73,815.

**Estimated Cost:** There are no recordkeeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

**Comments**

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**[Docket ID FEMA-2013-0002]**

**Final Flood Hazard Determinations**

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

**ACTION:** Final notice.

**SUMMARY:** Flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports have been made final for the communities listed in the table below.

The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that a community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report are used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for buildings and the contents of those buildings.

**DATES:** The effective date of December 3, 2013 which has been established for the FIRM and, where applicable, the supporting FIS report showing the new or modified flood hazard information for each community.

**ADDRESSES:** The FIRM, and if applicable, the FIS report containing the final flood hazard information for each community is available for inspection at the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below and will be available online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) by the effective date indicated above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (email) [Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov); or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at [www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx\\_main.html](http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes the final determinations listed below for the new or modified flood hazard information for each community listed. Notification of these changes has been published in newspapers of local circulation and ninety (90) days have elapsed since that publication. The Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation has resolved any appeals resulting from this notification.

This final notice is issued in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR part 67. FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management in floodprone areas in accordance with 44 CFR part 60.

Interested lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the new or revised FIRM and FIS report available at the address cited below for each community or online through the FEMA Map Service Center at [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov).

The flood hazard determinations are made final in the watersheds and/or communities listed in the table below.

I. Non-watershed-based studies:

Community	Community map repository address
<b>Mason County, West Virginia, and Incorporated Areas</b>	
<b>Docket No.: FEMA-B-1270</b>	
City of Point Pleasant .....	City Hall, 400 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550.
Town of Hartford .....	Town Hall, 133 2nd Street, Hartford, WV 25247.
Town of Henderson .....	Town Hall, 1 Railroad Street, Henderson, WV 25106.
Town of Leon .....	Town Hall, 136 Main Street, Leon, WV 25123.
Town of Mason .....	Office of the Mayor, 656 2nd Street, Mason, WV 25260.
Town of New Haven .....	Town of New Haven City Hall, 218 5th Street, New Haven, WV 25265.
Unincorporated Areas of Mason County .....	Mason County Courthouse, 200 6th Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550.