

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 6 U.S.C. 279; 8 U.S.C. 1232; 45 CFR 410.1202 and 410.1302(c).

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ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2024-0033; OMB No. 1660-0130]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of reinstatement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. FEMA invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning the Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information Management Division, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, email address FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Krista Westinson, Sr. PRA Clearance Officer, Information Management Division, at 202-394-6377, and FEMA-HQ-Forms@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In order to work continuously to ensure that our programs are effective and meet our customers' needs, FEMA seeks to obtain OMB approval of a generic clearance to collect qualitative feedback on our service delivery. By qualitative feedback, we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions but not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study.

This proposed information collection previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2024, at 89 FR 92140 with a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0130.

FEMA Forms: None.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. This

feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations; provide an early warning of issues with service; or focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,075,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,075,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 268,783.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$12,269,944

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$0.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: \$0.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$2,349,900.

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

[Docket No.: DHS-2025-2017]

Notice of Availability of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Actions Related to the Migrant Protection Protocols Program

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed resumption of the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) Program along the southern border of the United States (U.S.) as directed by the Executive Order entitled, *Securing Our Borders* (the Proposed Action). The Draft PEA programmatically evaluates reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts that may occur because of the Proposed Action and identifies standard best management practices (BMPs) by which DHS can reduce such impacts.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Draft PEA and Draft FONSI are available on DHS's website at: <https://www.dhs.gov/sep/eph/nepa>. Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

• *Regulations.gov web portal:* Navigate to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. DHS-2025-0017 to submit public comments.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. All public comments received are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and will be posted in their entirety at this site and available for public viewing. Do not include any information you would not like to be made publicly available.

• *By email:* Jennifer Hass, Acting Executive Director, Energy and Environment Division, at EED-EP@hq.dhs.gov, Subject Header: 'Docket No. DHS 2025-2017 MPP PEA'.

All comments received may be made publicly available without change, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Hass, Acting Executive Director, Energy and Environment Division, Department of Homeland Security at (202) 834-4346 or EED-EP@hq.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Under the MPP program (also known as the "Remain in Mexico" program) certain foreign individuals entering or seeking admission into the United States from Mexico, who enter illegally or without proper documentation, may be returned to Mexico to wait outside the U.S. for the duration of their removal proceedings. DHS, as the federal Department responsible for managing border control and immigration, has the authority to administer programs that further these missions and protect national security.

The MPP program was first established on December 20, 2018, under authority granted to DHS pursuant to Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and was subsequently terminated in 2022. On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued E.O. 14165, *Securing Our Borders*, which directed the DHS Secretary, along with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, to resume the MPP program "in all sectors along the southern border of the United States."

Under the initial MPP program, aliens encountered at the southern border of the U.S. and determined to be eligible for the MPP program were processed at the border POE, issued a Notice to Appear, placed into removal proceedings, and transferred back to Mexico. Aliens were allowed to return to the U.S. at a designated POE in order to attend their immigration court hearings. Under this program, the U.S. and the Government of Mexico developed a joint agreement, where the Government of Mexico agreed to provide appropriate humanitarian

protections to those aliens returned to Mexico under the MPP program.

Proposed Action: DHS proposes to resume the MPP program, in accordance with E.O. 14165, as DHS enforces immigration laws and responds to changing security and humanitarian conditions along the southern border. The Proposed Action is needed to provide DHS the ability to return certain aliens to Mexico pending the completion of removal proceedings pursuant to Section 240 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1229a). The PEA evaluates the full lifecycle of the MPP program including its resumption and future cessation, whether temporary or permanent.

The increasing influx of aliens into the U.S. has overwhelmed the U.S. immigration system, making it easier for illegal aliens to enter and remain in the U.S. This influx has also resulted in other consequences, including an increase in human smugglers, traffickers, and illegal drugs and other contraband that have been able to cross the border and remain in the U.S., endangering national security. The Proposed Action would provide a safe and orderly immigration process, decrease illegal activities and illicit contraband, and reduce threats to national security and public safety.

DHS prepared the subject Draft PEA to streamline the review process and eliminate duplicative, lengthy reviews for repetitive actions that would occur under the MPP program and that could be broadly analyzed given their similar scopes. Additionally, the PEA would provide programmatic-level recommendations for BMPs to avoid or minimize impacts on the environment, to the greatest extent practicable. However, individual project implementation actions may still require additional review under other environmental and historic preservation statutes, regulations, and EOs. MPP program activities that could occur during the operational phases of the program, such as new construction of temporary facilities to support immigration proceedings, would still require review on a project-specific basis.

The Draft PEA evaluates the potential environmental, cultural, socioeconomic, and physical impacts associated with DHS's Proposed Action.

DHS would not undertake any operational activities within the sovereign territory of Mexico under this Proposed Action. Therefore, this action is not subject to requirements under E.O. 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*.