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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2020-0011; OMB No. 1660-0006]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Flood Insurance Program Policy Forms

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired. FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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, e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Joycelyn Collins, Underwriting Branch Program Analyst, Federal Insurance Directorate, Joycelyn.Collins@fema.dhs.gov, 202-212-4716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is authorized by Pub. L. 90-448 (1968) and expanded by Pub. L. 93-234 (1973). The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 requires that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide flood insurance at full actuarial rates reflecting the complete flood risk to structures built or substantially improved on or after the effective date for the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the community, or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, so that the risks 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 Pub. L. 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 participate in the NFIP.

This proposed information collection previously published in the Federal Register on February 24, 2020, at 85 FR 10458 with a 60-day public comment period. FEMA received one comment supporting the proposed revisions to this information collection,
and one irrelevant comment. This information collection expired on April 30, 2020. FEMA is requesting a reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired. 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: National Flood Insurance Program Policy Forms.

Type of information collection: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

OMB Number: 1660-0006.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 086-0-1, Flood Insurance Application; FEMA Form 086-0-2, Flood Insurance Cancellation/Nullification Request Form; FEMA Form 086-0-3, Flood Insurance General Change Endorsement; FEMA Form 086-0-4, V-Zone Risk Factor Rating Form and Instructions (discontinued October 16, 2019, due to insufficient use); and FEMA Form 086-0-5, Flood Insurance Preferred Risk Policy and Newly Mapped Application.

Abstract: In order to provide for the availability of policies for flood insurance, policies are marketed through the facilities of licensed insurance agents or brokers in the various States. Applications from agents or brokers are forwarded to a direct servicing agent designated as fiscal agent by the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), referred to as NFIP Direct. Upon receipt and examination of the application and required premium, the servicing company issues the appropriate Federal flood insurance policy.
Affected Public: Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Government; Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 409,781.

Estimated Number of Responses: 409,781.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 62,196.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: $2,446,169.

Estimated Respondents’ Operation and Maintenance Costs: $0.

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

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: $9,356,398.

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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