

issued by FERC will require, as a condition of final approval, that Weaver's Cove Energy obtain a Letter of Recommendation from the U.S. Coast Guard COTP Providence.

Additional Information

Additional information about the Weaver's Cove LNG project is available from FERC's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using their eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, then click on "General Search" and enter FERC's docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP04-36). For assistance, please contact FERC online support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY contact 1-202-502-8659.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

M. E. Landry,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Providence.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency

Preparedness and Response Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 proposed new information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning an evaluation of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) aimed at documenting program's impact on land use, state floodplain development and management capacity, program participation of low-income populations, flood insurance purchase decisions, and NFIP communication strategies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), created by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-488, as amended) is a federal program that enables property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for State and community floodplain management regulations that reduce future flood damages. The Act authorizes studies of flood hazards to provide a basis for appraising NFIP's effect on land-use requirements. This information collection will assess NFIP's effectiveness and efficiency and will identify appropriate alternatives to

current operations or opportunities for improvement. Findings will be shared and widely used by program officials, executive branch and congressional committees with oversight responsibility for the NFIP, and other stakeholders.

Collection of Information

Title: Evaluation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Type of Information Collection: New.

OMB Number: 1660-NEW10.

Abstract: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will conduct a one-time only comprehensive evaluation of its impact on land-use requirements aimed at reducing loss of life and property due to floods. The study will center around six areas of inquiry translated into 52 evaluative questions through a combination of case studies, in-depth interviews, and surveys applied to an across-the-board representation of NFIP constituencies involving communities, state agencies, mortgage lenders, insurance agents, land developers, and individual and business flood insurance policy and non-policy holders. Data findings will be used by NFIP officials to develop strategies aimed at improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, State and Tribal Governments, and Businesses and Other for-Profit Organizations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,410.

FEMA forms	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A x B x C)
Case Studies	276	1	2.00	552
Surveys	8,575	1	.33	2858
Total	8,851	1	3,410

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 should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland

Security, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Ms. Claudia Murphy, Program Analyst, National Flood Insurance Program at (202) 646-2775 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or email address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: August 23, 2004.
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 Technology Services Division.*
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ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 proposed continuing information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the need to continue collecting information from state, local, and tribal government officials; businesses; and, individuals residing in the immediate and

surrounding areas of chemical stockpile sites.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) is one facet of the multi-hazard readiness program in eight U.S. states that deal with hazardous material spills or releases. The program's goal is to improve preparedness to protect the people of these communities in the unlikely event of an accident. CSEPP, a cooperative effort between FEMA and the U.S. Army, provides funding (grants), training, community outreach, guidance, technical support and expertise to State, local, and tribal governments to improve their capabilities to prepare for and respond to this type of disaster. Since no preparedness program can be successful without the public's understanding and cooperation, input from the residents and businesses of immediate and/or surrounding areas is vital to program managers' ability to design custom-tailored strategies to educate and communicate risks and action plans at the local level. This survey, which was initiated three years ago, will continue as the assessment mechanism to document and quantify program achievements. There are two authorities supporting this information collection: (1) The Government Performance Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), which mandates federal agencies to provide valid and reliable quantification of program achievements, and (2) Executive Order 12862, which requires

agencies to survey customers to determine their level of satisfaction with existing services.

Collection of Information

Title: Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Evaluation and Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0057.

Abstract: Consistent with performance measurement requirements set forth by the Government Performance Results Act, the Chemical Stockpile Preparedness Program (CSEPP) will continue collecting data from state, local, and tribal governments; individuals; and, businesses residing in the immediate or surrounding areas of eight chemical stockpile sites. This study will: (1) Assess program effectiveness using five national performance indicators unique to the CSEPP program, (2) measure and monitor customer satisfaction with CSEPP products and services, and (3) identify weaknesses and strengths of individual sites and program components. Data findings will be used to set customer service standards, while providing quantitative benchmarks for program monitoring and evaluation.

Affected Public: State, local, and tribal government officials; individuals; and businesses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,781 hours.

	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A x B x C)
State/local	176	1	.25	44
Individuals and Businesses	6,945	1	.25	1,737
Total	7,121	1	.25	1,781

Estimated Cost: \$29,393.00.

TABLE 2.—ANNUAL COST TO RESPONDENTS

Program	Burden hours	Median hour rate (\$)	Average cost per response (\$)	Annualized cost all respondents (\$)
Open-Ended Questionnaire: State/local officials	44	¹ 23.41	1,030.00
Surveys: Individuals and Businesses	1,737	² 16.32	28,363.00
Grand Total	1,781	29,393.00

¹ National median hourly rate for emergency management-related occupations per Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

² Average of median hourly rate for all occupations at state level per BLS: AL=\$15.06; KY=\$15.15; UT=\$15.88; MD=\$19.07; IN=\$15.90; AR=\$13.72; CO=\$18.50; OR=\$17.09.