

*Summary:* The Coast Guard must establish a nationwide vessel-identification system (VIS) and centralize certain vessel-documentation functions. VIS provides participating States and territories with access to data on vessels numbered by States and territories. Participation in it is voluntary.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 12501 mandates the establishment of a VIS. 33 CFR Part 187 prescribes the requirements of VIS.

*Respondents:* Governments of States and territories.

*Frequency:* Daily.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 6,045 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Vital System Automation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0047.

*Summary:* This collection pertains to the vital-system automation on commercial vessels that is necessary to protect personnel and property on board U.S.-flag vessels.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 3306 authorizes the Coast Guard to promulgate rules for the safety of personnel and property on board vessels. Various sections within parts 52, 56, 58, 62, 110, 111, and 113 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations contain these rules.

*Respondents:* Designers, manufacturers, and owners of vessels and shipyards.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 57,375 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Security of Passenger Vessels and Passenger Terminals.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0077.

*Summary:* The purpose of rules on the security of passenger vessels and passenger terminals is to deter or mitigate the results of terrorism and other unlawful acts against these vessels and terminals. The rules should reduce the likelihood of such acts and should reduce the damage to property and injury to persons, if such acts occur.

*Need:* 33 U.S.C. 1231 authorizes the Coast Guard to issue rules for the safety of ports and waterways. 33 CFR Parts 120 and 128 contain these rules.

*Respondents:* Owners, operators, and charterers of passenger vessels and passenger terminals.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 3,549 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Audit Reports under the International Safety Management Code.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0084.

*Summary:* This information helps to determine whether U.S. vessels, subject to SOLAS 74, engaged in international trade, are in compliance with that treaty. Organizations recognized by the Coast Guard conduct ongoing audits of vessels' and companies' safety-management-systems.

*Need:* 46 U.S.C. 3203 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe rules regarding safety-management systems. 33 CFR part 96 contains the rules for those systems and hence the safe operation of vessels.

*Respondents:* Owners and operators of vessels, and organizations authorized to issue certificates of compliance with the ISM Code for the United States.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Burden:* The estimated burden is 8,440 hours a year.

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**Clifford I. Pearson,**

*Director of Information and Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-14790]

#### National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; charter renewal

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation renewed the charter for the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) for 2 years from January 17, 2003 until January 17, 2005. This charter was renewed before the Coast Guard moved to the Department of Homeland Security under the Homeland Security Act of 2002. NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It advises the Coast Guard on safety, security and environmental protection issues relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request a copy of the charter by writing to Commandant (G-MSO), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0214; or by faxing 202-267-4570. This notice and the charter are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Captain Michael Brown, Executive Director of NOSAC, or Mr. Jim Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1082, fax 202-267-4570.

Dated: March 26, 2003.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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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, 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, state, local, or tribal governments and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments on the Application for Community Disaster Loan.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program is authorized by section 417 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-288), as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-707), and implemented by FEMA regulation 44 CFR, subpart K, Community Disaster Loans, Section 206.364. The CDL Program offers loans to local governments that have suffered a substantial loss of tax or other revenues as a result of a major disaster or emergency and demonstrates a need for Federal financial assistance in order to perform their governmental functions. The loan must be justified on the basis of need and be based on the actual and projected expenses, as a result of the disaster, for the fiscal year in which the disaster occurred and the three succeeding fiscal years.

#### Collection of Information

*Title:* Application for Community Disaster Loan .

*Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*OMB Number:* 3067-0034.

*Form Number:* FEMA Form 90-7.

*Abstract:* The local government may submit an Application for Community Disaster Loan through the Governor's Authorized Representative. The loan must be justified on the basis of need and be based on the actual and

projected expenses, as a result of a major disaster declaration, for the fiscal year in which the disaster occurred and for the 3 succeeding fiscal years.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30.

*Number of Respondents:* 5.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Hour Burden Per Response:* 6 hours.

*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 Branch, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate, 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 Gerry Miederhoff at (202) 646-3683 for additional information regarding this information collection. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed information collection at (202) 646-2625, facsimile

number (202) 646-3347, or by e-mail at [InformationCollections@fema.gov](mailto:InformationCollections@fema.gov).

Dated: March 26, 2003.

**Vernon Adler,**

*Acting Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.*

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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, Homeland Security.

**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 and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the Mortgage Portfolio Protection Program (MPPP) that is a mechanism used by lending institutions, mortgage servicing companies, and others servicing mortgage loan portfolios to bring their mortgage loan portfolios into compliance with the flood insurance purchase requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) authorized by Public Law 90-448 (1968) and expanded by Public Law 93-234 (1973) provides Federally backed flood insurance for existing buildings

exposed to flood risk. In accordance with Public Law 93-234, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory when Federal and 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 which are participating in the program.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Mortgage Portfolio Protection Program (MPPP).

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

*Abstract:* The Mortgage Portfolio Protection Program (MPPP) is a mechanism used by lending institutions, mortgage servicing companies, and others servicing mortgage loan portfolios to bring their mortgage loan portfolios into compliance with the flood insurance purchase requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Implementation of the various requirements of the MPPP should result in mortgagors, following receipt of notification of the need for flood insurance, showing evidence of such a policy or purchasing the necessary coverage through their local insurance agent or appropriate Write Your Own (WYO) Company. It is intended that flood insurance policies be written under the MPPP only as a last resort, and only on mortgages whose mortgagors have failed to respond to the various notifications required by the program. The requirements of the MPPP are contained in FEMA regulation 44 CFR 62.23(l).

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; small businesses or organizations; Federal agencies or employees; and State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,093 hours.

Respondents	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (minutes) (C)	Annual burden hours (A x B x C)
Lenders .....	250	As required .....	30	125
Mortgagors .....	11,936	One-time .....	30	5,968
Total .....	12,186	.....	.....	6,093

*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