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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 proposed continuing information collections. In accordance

with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning renewal of the Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form (FEMA Form 81-93).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** FEMA is seeking to extend the use of the Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form, required by Title V, Section 528 of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (NFIRA). The form records the determination of whether a structure is located within an identified Special Flood Hazard Area and whether flood insurance is available. Federally-regulated lender institutions, are mandated to complete this form for any loan made, increased, extended, renewed, or purchased.

**Collection of Information**

*Title:* Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0040.

*Form Numbers:* FEMA 81-93 Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form.

*Abstract:* On September 23, 1994, the President signed the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994. Title V of this Act is the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA). Section 528 of the

NFIRA requires that FEMA develop a standard hazard determination form for recording the determination of whether a structure is located within an identified Special Flood Hazard Area and whether flood insurance is available. Section 528 of the NFIRA also requires the use of this form by regulated lending institutions, Federal agency lenders, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and the Government National Mortgage Association for any loan made, increased, extended, renewed or purchased by these entities. The form developed to comply with the above requirements is the Standard Flood Hazard Determination form (FEMA Form 83-93, dated October 2002). This form will be completed by federally regulated lending institutions when making, increasing, extending, renewing or purchasing each loan for the purpose of documenting the factors considered as to whether flood insurance is required and available. An estimated 33,000,000 such uses are made each year. This number is entirely driven by the volume of mortgage transactions, of which fluctuations in interest rates is a principal factor.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Federal Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,890,000 hours.

FEMA forms	No. of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Burden hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A x B x C)
81-93 .....	33,000,000	1	0.33 (20 minutes)	10,890,000
Total .....	33,000,000	(1)	0.33 .....	10,890,000

*Estimated Cost:* The total cost to federally-regulated lenders for completing FEMA Form 81-93 totals \$295,119,000, representing an average cost of \$8.00 per loan transaction (respondent).

*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 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 Cecelia Lynch, Program Specialist, Mitigation Division at (202) 646-7045 for additional information.

You may contact the Records Management Section at (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: *FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov*.

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