

borne out in practice and was not intended by Congress.

Accordingly, because the NPFC claims procedures under 33 U.S.C. 2713 and the implementing regulations at 33 CFR part 136 are internal, informal administrative processes the use of a MCIR in those processes is not precluded by 46 U.S.C. 6308.

The NPFC may consider and rely on any part of a report of a MCIR in determining whether to pay or deny a claim. While any part of such a MCIR may be considered, it is the enclosures to such a report, such as witness statements, navigation records and vessel logs that will most likely bear on any determination to pay or deny a claim. While such reports may be of use to NPFC in this regard, and may also be submitted by claimants to support their claims, the NPFC is not bound by such reports of investigation. The NPFC may require additional information from claimants in order to support their claims and may, considering the record as a whole, find additional facts or different facts than those determined in such reports of investigation.

Dated: October 10, 2006.

**William D. Baumgartner,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Judge Advocate General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Amendment to Notices of Emergency Declarations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notices of emergency declarations for 44 States and the District of Columbia granted due to the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the incident periods for the following emergencies are closed effective October 1, 2005:

Arkansas (FEMA-3215-EM), Texas (FEMA-3216-EM), Tennessee (FEMA-3217-EM), Georgia (FEMA-3218-EM), Oklahoma (FEMA-3219-EM), Florida

(FEMA-3220-EM), West Virginia (FEMA-3221-EM), North Carolina (FEMA-3222-EM), Utah (FEMA-3223-EM), Colorado (FEMA-3224-EM), Michigan (FEMA-3225-EM), District of Columbia (FEMA-3226-EM), Washington (FEMA-3227-EM), Oregon (FEMA-3228-EM), New Mexico (FEMA-3229-EM), Illinois (FEMA-3230-EM), Kentucky (FEMA-3231-EM), Missouri (FEMA-3232-EM), South Carolina (FEMA-3233-EM), South Dakota (FEMA-3234-EM), Pennsylvania (FEMA-3235-EM), Kansas (FEMA-3236-EM), Alabama (FEMA-3237-EM), Indiana (FEMA-3238-EM), Iowa (FEMA-3239-EM), Virginia (FEMA-3240-EM), Arizona (FEMA-3241-EM), Minnesota (FEMA-3242-EM), Nevada (FEMA-3243-EM), Idaho (FEMA-3244-EM), Nebraska (FEMA-3245-EM), Connecticut (FEMA-3246-EM), North Dakota (FEMA-3247-EM), California (FEMA-3248-EM), Wisconsin (FEMA-3249-EM), Ohio (FEMA-3250-EM), Maryland (FEMA-3251-EM), Massachusetts (FEMA-3252-EM), Montana (FEMA-3253-EM), Rhode Island (FEMA-3255-EM), Maine (FEMA-3256-EM), New Jersey (FEMA-3257-EM), New Hampshire (FEMA-3258-EM), New York (FEMA-3262-EM), and Delaware (FEMA-3263-EM).

**R. David Paulison,**

*Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, and Director of FEMA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

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#### Privacy Act of 1974; National Disaster Medical System Medical Professional Credentials System of Records

**AGENCY:** National Disaster Medical System; Response Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security gives notice that the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Response Division, National Disaster Medical System, is establishing a new system of records entitled the "National Disaster Medical System Medical

Professional Credentials System of Records."

This system of records will enable the National Disaster Medical System to have an efficient, centralized method for collecting medical credentials and verifying continued certification of the credentials of deployable medical personnel.

**DATES:** The system of records will be effective November 13, 2006, unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2006-0002, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments;

- *E-mail:* [FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov).

Include Docket ID FEMA-2006-0002 in the subject line of the message;

- *Fax:* 202-646-4536 (not a toll-free number); or

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Rules Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472; Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 601 S. 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID (if available) for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Captain Ana Marie Balingit-Wines, Credentialing Program Manager, FEMA/NDMS, 500 C Street, SW., Suite 713, Washington, DC 20472, at 202-646-4248, for credentialing matters; Jean Hardin, Attorney, FEMA Office of Chief Counsel, General Law Division, 500 C Street, SW., Room 713 H, Washington, DC 20472, at 202-646-4059; Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 601 S. 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220, at 571-227-3813.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), authorized by 42 U.S.C. 300hh-11(b), has primary responsibility for providing emergency medical care after a natural or man-made disaster or in the