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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

#### Notice of Adjustment of the Coverage Amount Under the Group Flood Insurance Program (GFIP), for Policies Issued for Disasters Declared on or Before October 14, 2002

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice that the coverage amount for Group Flood Insurance Policies issued by the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) program for disasters declared on or before October 14, 2002 is increased.

**DATES:** Effective October 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Berl Jones, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4235.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 44 CFR 61.17 sets the amount of coverage under the GFIP. Although the current version of § 61.17 sets this amount as equivalent to the maximum grant amount established under section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, (the Stafford Act) (42 U.S.C. 5174,) prior to October 15, 2002, this regulation set the amount of coverage as equivalent to the maximum grant amount under the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) program under section 411 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5178) *see* 67 FR 61462, Sept. 30, 2002. Section 411 was repealed as of October 15, 2002. Because FEMA's policy is to apply regulations in force on the date of a disaster declaration to all assistance provided during that disaster (which in this case is also the time that the policies were issued), we will set the coverage for GFIP based upon the same criteria used to adjust the maximum IFG grant amount under section 411 for GFIP policies issued for those disasters declared prior to the repeal of section 411. Since section 411 has been repealed, this adjustment is made solely for purposes of establishing the GFIP coverage amount for policies issued for

disasters declared on or before October 14, 2002.

The Stafford Act prescribed that grants made under section 411, IFG program, shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor. If the IFG program were still in effect, the maximum grant amount for the IFG program under section 411 of the Act would have been increased to \$15,800 for fiscal year 2005. As a result, the coverage amount for GFIP is adjusted to \$15,800.

FEMA bases the adjustments on an increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of 2.7 percent for the 12-month period that ended in August 2004. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 16, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.035, Individual and Family Grant Program)

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**Michael D. Brown,**

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice of information collection under review; National Interest Waivers; supplemental evidence to I-140 and I-485; OMB-22.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services (CIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2004 at 69 FR 1989, allowed a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the CIS on this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 24, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Overview of this information collection:

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* National Interest Waivers; Supplemental Evidence to I-140 and I-485.

(3) *Agency Form Number, If Any, and the Applicable Component of the Department of Homeland Security Sponsoring the Collection:* No Agency Form Number; File No. OMB-22. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected Public Who Will Be Asked or Required to Respond, as Well as a Brief Abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will use information collected via the supplemental documentation to determine the eligibility of requests for national interest waivers, and to finalize requests to adjust the lawful permanent resident status.

(5) *An Estimate of the Total Number of Respondents and the Amount of Time Estimated for an Average Respondent To Respond:* 8,000 responses at one (1) hour per response.

(6) *An Estimate of the Total Public Burden (in Hours) Associated With the Collection:* 8,000 annual burden hours.

If you have comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, please contact Mr. Richard A. Sloan, Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 111 Massachusetts