

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed settlement can be obtained from Ann Gardner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1895.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

Frank Ciavattieri,

Acting Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, 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 and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Tamara R. Manly, Management Analyst (Regulatory Analysis), (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 4058, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comments should refer to "Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov].

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara R. Manly, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions.

OMB Number: 3064-0028.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: All financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,094.

Estimated Time per Response: 19.44 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 99,027 hours.

General Description of Collection: The collection ensures that banks effecting securities transactions maintain adequate records and controls over securities transactions they effect.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of December, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is submitting a request for review and approval of an expired information collection. The information collection concerns the certification of basements as floodproofed by licensed engineers of architects. This certification is normally performed during or immediately following construction of a house.

The request is submitted under the emergency processing procedures in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation 5 CFR 1320.13. FEMA is requesting that this information collection be approved by December 17, 1999. The approval will authorize FEMA to use the collection through June 30, 2000.

FEMA plans to follow this emergency request with a request for a 3-year approval. The request will be processed under OMB's normal clearance procedures in accordance with the provisions of OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.10. To help us with the timely processing of the emergency and normal clearance submissions to OMB, FEMA invites the general public to comment on the proposed collection of information. This notice and request for comments is in accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the floodplain management regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at 44 CFR 60.3, communities that participate in the NFIP must ensure that all new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) has the lowest floor elevation to or above the 100-year flood elevation, or Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This requirement is to ensure that the risks to new buildings in SFHAs is sufficiently small that frequent flood losses are reduced and flood insurance can be made available at reasonable rates. However at 44 CFR 60.6 (c), regulations allow communities to apply for an exception to permit the construction of floodproofed residential basements in SFHAs. If the community meets the criteria for an exception as described in 44 CFR 60.6 (d) (2) (i)-(iii), the community requests and receives an exception from FEMA that will allow floodproofed basements to be built in SFHAs in the community. Construction

of a floodproofed basement requires specific design attention to materials, flood loads, and openings where floodwaters may enter a basement. When a community is granted an exception to allow floodproofed basements it agrees that an engineer and architect will properly certify that these basements are in fact floodproofed. In addition, this certificate is also presented to the flood insurance agent by the homeowner so that the homeowner receives the "discounted" rate applicable to floodproofed basements. The homeowner, community official and the insurance agent normally retain a copy of this form for recordkeeping only. *Collection of Information*

Title: Residential Basement Floodproofing Certificate.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection of information.

OMB Number: 3067-0235.

Form Number: FEMA Form 81-78, Residential Basement Floodproofing Certificate.

Abstract. The certificate provides licensed design professionals a standard means of certifying the construction of floodproofed basements below the Base Flood Elevation. This certificate is only used in communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program who have been granted a "basement" exception. The homeowner must pay for the cost of the certification.

Affected Public: This affects individuals who are in communities with "basement" exceptions and who build houses with basements in Special Flood Hazard Areas. Communities who have been granted these "basement" exceptions also keep copies of the certificate to ensure compliance with local floodplain management ordinances.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours. 163 hours (50 respondents x 3.25 hours per response. The respondents are engineers or architects who complete the form as a professional service to a homeowner. There are three inspections during the construction of a flood proof basement. Each inspection is estimated to be 45 minutes, plus one hour for the review of basement design documentation and recordkeeping by insurance agents and community officials.)

Estimated Cost to Respondents. \$16,250.00 (The estimated cost of a professional engineering service is \$100. That cost multiplied by 3.25—the hour burden per respondent—equals \$325 per homeowner to obtain professional engineering services.)

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; (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. Submit comments to OMB within 30 days of the date of this notice. To ensure that FEMA is fully aware of any comments or concerns that you share with OMB, please provide us with a copy of your comments. FEMA will continue to accept comments for 60 days from the date of this notice.

OMB Addressee: Interested persons should submit written comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FEMA Addressee: Submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or e:mail muriel.anderson@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Paul Tertell, Civil Engineer, Program Policy and Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, 202-646-3935 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

Reginald Trujillo,

Director, Program Services Division, Operations Support Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted the following proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Title: Community Rating System (CRS) Program—Application Worksheets and Commentary.

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

OMB Number: 3067-0195.

Abstract: The CRS Program establishes a system for FEMA to grade communities' floodplain management activities to determine flood insurance rates for communities. Communities exercising floodplain management activities that exceed Federal minimum standards qualify for lower insurance rates.

The January 1999 edition of the NFIP CRS Coordinator's Manual contains instructions for preparing the application worksheets that will be used to apply to the CRS Program for the 1999 through 2001 calendar years. The Application Worksheets and CRS Application are published separately. Communities will use the manuals to apply for activity points leading up to the CRS rating and commensurate flood insurance premium discounts. The schedule describes the floodplain management and insurance activities available to qualifying communities that undertake the selected additional activities that will reduce flood losses. Annually, all CRS participating communities must certify they are maintaining the activities for which they receive credit.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 940.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Application Communities 29 hours; Maintenance Communities 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,260.

Frequency of Response: Annual update.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Desk Officer for the Federal