

stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

**Viewing comments and documents:** To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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### Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published the 60-day notice required by OIRA (69 FR 20946, April 19, 2004). That notice elicited two comments.

One comment, from a non-profit organization that operates a sailing program for children, objected to the provision in the Standard Numbering System (SNS) regulations that allows States, at their discretion, to require non-motorized vessels to be numbered. This is not a new provision in the law; it has been in place for several decades. The State in which the commenter resides does not require non-motorized vessels to be numbered, and is not likely to change its laws to do so based simply on publication of an information collection notice. We do not plan to amend the proposal.

The second comment, from a national organization representing the State boating programs responsible for implementing the SNS regulations in their States, supported the notice.

### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the Department's

estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to DMS or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2004-17572 comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

### Information Collection Request

**Title:** Standard Numbering System for Undocumented Vessels.

**OMB Control Number:** 1625-NEW.

**Type of Request:** Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

**Affected Public:** Owners of all undocumented vessels propelled by machinery are required by Federal law to apply for a number from the issuing authority of the State in which the vessel is to be principally operated. In addition, States may require other vessels, such as sailboats or even canoes and kayaks, to be numbered. "Owners" may include individuals or households, non-profit organizations, and small businesses (e.g., liveries that offer recreational vessels for rental by the public) or other for-profit organizations.

**Form:** None.

**Abstract:** Subsection 12301(a) of Title 46, United States Code, requires undocumented vessels equipped with propulsion machinery of any kind to be numbered in the State where the vessel is principally operated. In 46 U.S.C. 12302(a), Congress authorized the Secretary to prescribe, by regulation, a Standard Numbering System (SNS). The Secretary shall approve a State numbering system if that system is consistent with the SNS. The Secretary has delegated his authority under 46 U.S.C. 12301 and 12302 to the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. DHS Delegation No. 0170.1 applies. The regulations requiring the numbering of undocumented vessels are in 33 CFR part 173, and regulations establishing the SNS for States to voluntarily carry out this function are contained in part 174.

In States that do not have an approved system, the Federal Government (U.S. Coast Guard) must administer the vessel numbering system. Currently, all 56 States and Territories have approved numbering systems. The approximate number of undocumented vessels

registered by the States in 2002 was nearly 13 million.

The SNS collects information on undocumented vessels and vessel owners. States submit reports annually to the Coast Guard on the number, size, construction, etc., of vessels they have numbered. That information is used by the Coast Guard—

(1) In publication of an annual "Boating Statistics" report required by 46 U.S.C. 6102(b), and

(2) For allocation of Federal funds to assist States in carrying out the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program established by 46 U.S.C. Chapter 131.

On a daily basis or as warranted, Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel use SNS information from the States' numbering systems for enforcement of boating laws or theft and fraud investigations. In addition, when encountering a vessel suspected of illegal activity, information from the SNS increases officer safety by assisting boarding officers in determining how best to approach a vessel. Although the statutory requirement for numbering of vessels dates back to 1918, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States has increased the need for identification of undocumented vessels and their owners for port security and other missions to safeguard the homeland.

**Respondents:** Owners of all undocumented vessels propelled by machinery. "Owners" may include individuals or households, non-profit organizations, and small businesses (e.g., liveries that offer recreational vessels for rental by the public) or other for-profit organizations.

**Burden:** The estimated burden is 15,507 hours a year.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

**Clifford I. Pearson,**

*Assistant Commandant for C4 and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

### National Fire Academy Board of Visitors

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

**ACTION:** Committee management: Notice of committee establishment.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security has determined that the establishment of the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties of the Under Secretary of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

*Name of Committee:* National Fire Academy Board of Visitors.

*Purpose and Objectives:* The Committee advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Under Secretary of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

The Board shall review annually the programs of the Academy and advise the Under Secretary through the U.S. Fire Administrator regarding the operation of the Academy and any improvements therein that the Board deems appropriate. The Board shall make interim advisories to the Under Secretary through the U.S. Fire Administrator whenever there is an indicated urgency to do so in fulfilling its duties.

1. In carrying out their responsibilities, the Board shall include in their review:

- a. An examination of Academy programs to determine whether these programs further the basic missions which are approved by the Under Secretary;
- b. An examination of the physical plant of the Academy to determine the adequacy of the Academy facilities; and,
- c. An examination of the funding levels for the Academy programs.

2. The Board shall submit its annual report through the U.S. Fire Administrator to the Under Secretary, in writing, within thirty (30) days following its meeting. This report shall provide detailed comments and recommendations regarding the operation of the Academy. The Board shall submit interim reports through the U.S. Fire Administrator to the Under Secretary whenever there is an indicated need to do so in the fulfillment of its duties.

*Balanced Membership Plans:* The Committee shall be comprised of eight members. The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board from among professionals in the fields of fire safety, fire prevention, fire control, research and development in fire protection, treatment and rehabilitation of fire victims, or local government services

management, and from such professional organizations as will ensure a balanced representation of fire and emergency services interests. Members will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs). Members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of up to three (3) years, and members may be reappointed to three subsequent 3-year terms at the discretion of the Secretary. Board members will continue to serve until their replacement is appointed. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Secretary may select an alternate member or other individual to serve the unexpired term as described in the appointment letter. In order to provide for continuity of member participation, terms are staggered. No more than half of the members shall be replaced (or reappointed) in any given year unless there are vacancies for reasons other than term expiration.

*Duration:* Continuing.

*Responsible DHS Official:* Mr. R. David Paulison, U.S. Fire Administrator, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

**Michael D. Brown,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1528-DR]

#### Arkansas; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-1528-DR), dated June 30, 2004, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 28, 2004.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas is hereby amended to include the following areas among those

areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 30, 2004:

Benton and Franklin Counties for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050, Individual and Household Program—Other Needs; 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Michael D. Brown,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1529-DR]

#### California; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of California (FEMA-1529-DR), dated June 30, 2004, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 29, 2004.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of California is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 30, 2004:

All counties in the State of California are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used