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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-17080]

#### Local Notices to Mariners—Changes in Distribution Methods

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is changing the way in which we make Local Notices to Mariners available to the public. We will continue to publish electronic versions of these notices and make them available free of charge via the Internet, but we will no longer print and mail copies of each notice.

**DATES:** This change takes effect April 1, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Although we are not requesting them, you may make comments on this change. To make sure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-2004-17080), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) By delivery to 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. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received

from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at 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. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about the substance of this notice, contact Mr. Frank Parker, Office of Aids to Navigation, Commandant (G-OPN), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington DC 20593; telephone (202) 267-0358, fax (202) 267-4222, e-mail [fparker@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:fparker@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-0271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard has statutory and treaty obligations to make navigation information available to the public. Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs) are our primary means for communicating information pertaining to individual Coast Guard Districts. LNMs provide important safety information that is available nowhere else, and are distributed free of charge to subscribers. However, the cost of printing and mailing LNMs has become prohibitive. Technology now allows us to provide LNMs in a more timely and less costly manner via the Internet. The Coast Guard has published electronic (Internet) LNMs successfully for several years. Electronic LNMs appear on the Coast Guard Navigation Center's Web site at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm>. Recently, we revised our Aids to Navigation (ATON) Manual (COMDTINST M16500.7) to authorize elimination of printed LNMs. The last printed LNMs will be distributed April 1, 2004.

LNMs are referred to in two Coast Guard regulations, 33 CFR 62.21 and 33 CFR subpart 72.01. They relate to Coast Guard agency management and, under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*), they can be amended without public notice and comment. We expect to revise these regulations to eliminate obsolete references to print distribution, as part of our forthcoming 2004 technical amendments to Title 33 of the CFR. Moreover, insofar as these regulations pertain to LNMs, they are general policy statements without binding effect either on the public or on the Coast Guard. We intend the present Notice, along with the notices we will convey directly to our LNM print and electronic subscribers, to inform the

public of the Coast Guard policy change eliminating printed distribution of LNMs, which was effected through revision of our ATON Manual.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

**Jeffrey J. Hathaway,**

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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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, Response Division, 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 a revision of a currently approved collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seek comments concerning the EMI Independent Study Course Enrollment Application.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act Pub. L. 93-288, as amended authorize training programs for emergency preparedness. The information obtained from the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) form will be used for independent study course enrollment and to provide course materials to applicants. Applicants can select as many courses as they want, but they will be actively enrolled in only one course at a time. When applicants complete each course with a passing score, new course material from the course menu selection will be sent to applicants.

#### Collection of Information

*Title:* EMI Independent Study Course Enrollment Application.

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

*OMB Number:* 1660-0046.

*Form Numbers:* 95-23.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this form is to collect information from individuals on what Independent Study courses they wish to enroll in. This form lists the courses available through FEMA's

Independent Study Program and collections information from individuals so that these courses can be mailed to them.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,493.

FEMA form	Number of respondents (A)	Frequency of response (B)	Hours per response (C)	Annual burden hours (A × B × C)
95-23 .....	187,000	1	2 minutes .....	2,493
Total .....	187,000	1	2 minutes .....	2,493

*Estimated Cost to Respondents:* 37 cents per respondent. The total annual burden cost for this collection of information to respondents includes a 37 cent stamp per respondent × 74,800 respondents = \$27,676. No additional cost to the respondent has been identified since about 60% or 112,200 respondents use the Internet to enroll in EMI Independent Study courses, and the estimated hour burden is minimal.

*Estimated Cost to the Agency:* The FEMA Independent Study program costs \$80,784 annually to administer. This includes processing applications, grading exams, issuing course completion certificates, mailing course materials and handling student inquiries. Also, the annual printing cost to reprint course materials is approximately \$70,000. Therefore, the total costs to the Agency for this program is \$150,784.

*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 must be received on or before May 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, FEMA, at 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472 or e-mail address [InformationCollections@dhs.gov](mailto:InformationCollections@dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vilma Schifano-Milmoie, Contract Officer's Technical Representative/ Training Specialist, Independent Study Program, Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, at 301-443-2057. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed information collection (see addressee information above).

Dated: February 24, 2004.

**George S. Trotter,**  
*Acting Division Director, Information Resources Management Division, Information Technology Services Directorate.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Fiscal Year 2004 Private Stewardship Grants Program; Revision of Eligibility Requirements, and Proposal Due Date Extension**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; revision of eligibility requirements, and extension of the due date.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), issued a **Federal Register** notice on January 6, 2004 (69 FR 670), announcing the request for proposals for the fiscal year 2004 Private Stewardship Grants Program (PSGP). We are now revising the eligibility requirements to clarify, and correctly notice, that projects on lands owned by conservation organizations are eligible for funding through the PSGP. We are also extending the due date for submission of project proposals for Federal assistance under the PSGP to March 31, 2004.

**DATES:** Project proposals must be received by the appropriate Regional Office (see Table 1 in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) no later than March 31, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** For additional information, contact the Service's Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur. The contact information for each Regional Office is listed in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below. Information on the PSGP is also available from the Branch of State Grants, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, or electronically at [http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private\\_stewardship.html](http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/private_stewardship.html), or by e-mail from [Privatestewardship@fws.gov](mailto:Privatestewardship@fws.gov).

Send project proposals to the Service's Regional Office that has the responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur (see Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Program Contact in the appropriate Regional Office identified in Table 1 under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, or Don Morgan, Chief, Branch of State Grants (703/358-2061).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Congress appropriated \$7.5 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in Fiscal Year 2004 for the PSGP. The PSGP provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private, voluntary conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands within the United States.

On January 6, 2004, we published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 670) a notice announcing the request for proposals for the fiscal year 2004 PSGP. In that notice, we advised potential applicants that a complete program announcement and request for proposals could be accessed by visiting [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)). Within the