

(i) Task Statement 21–X9, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault-Prevention and Culture Change in the Merchant Marine.

(6) Presentations from the Mariner Credentialing Program:

(a) Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing Update;

(b) National Maritime Center Update;

(7) Presentations from the Work Group Chairs. The Committee will review the information presented on each issue, deliberate on any recommendations presented by the Working Groups, approve/formulate recommendations, and close any completed tasks. Official action on these recommendations may be taken on this date.

(a) Task Statement 21–X4, STCW Convention and STCW Code Review;

(b) Task Statement 21–X7, Non-Operating Individuals;

(c) Task Statement 21–X8, Remote Operator of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships.

(8) Public comment period.

(9) Closing remarks/plans for next meeting.

(10) Adjournment of meeting.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at: [https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-merchant-marine-personnel-advisory-committee-\(nnerpac\)](https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-merchant-marine-personnel-advisory-committee-(nnerpac)) by November 4, 2021. Alternatively, you may contact the individual noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Public comments or questions will be taken throughout the meeting as the Committee discusses the issues and prior to deliberations and voting. There will also be a public comment period at the end of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 2 minutes. Please note that the public comment period will end following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above, to register as a speaker.

Dated: October 22, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2021–0024]

#### Request for Information on the National Flood Insurance Program Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitats; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will hold two public meetings remotely via web conference to solicit feedback on the agency's request for information on the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat, published October 12, 2021. The request for information seeks input from the public on the floodplain management standards that communities should adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities. Additionally, the request for information seeks input on how the NFIP can better promote protection of and minimize any adverse impact to threatened and endangered species, and their habitats.

**DATES:** Written comments on the request for information published at 86 FR 56713 (October 12, 2021) may be submitted until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on December 13, 2021.

FEMA will hold meetings on Thursday, November 4, 2021, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. ET, and Monday, November 15, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. ET. Depending on the number of speakers, the meetings may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meetings will be held via web conference. Members of the public may register to attend a meeting online at the following link: <https://www.fema.gov/event/public-comment-period-national-flood-insurance-programs-minimum-floodplain-management>.

If you would like to speak at a meeting, please indicate that on the

registration form. If there is time remaining in a meeting after all registered speakers have finished, FEMA will invite comments from others in attendance.

Reasonable accommodations are available for people with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below as soon as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill.

Written comments on the request for information must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for FEMA–2021–0024–0001 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

All written comments received, including any personal information provided, may be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments on the request for information made during the meetings will be posted to the rulemaking docket on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

For access to the docket and to read comments received by FEMA, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FEMA–2021–0024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel Sears, Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, [fema-regulations@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-regulations@fema.dhs.gov), 202–646–4105.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 12, 2021, FEMA published a Request for Information (RFI) on the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitats.<sup>1</sup> This RFI asks for public input on the floodplain management standards that communities should adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities. It also seeks input on how the NFIP can better promote protection of and minimize any adverse impact to threatened and endangered species, and their habitats.

In support of FEMA's role in setting the NFIP floodplain management standards for land management and use and the agency's desire to strengthen the NFIP's protection of threatened and endangered species and their habitat, the agency is seeking input from the public on the floodplain management standards that communities should

<sup>1</sup> 86 FR 56713.

adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities and also to promote protection of listed species and their critical habitats. Specifically, FEMA is seeking input through a series of questions in the RFI on opportunities for the agency to improve the minimum floodplain management standards for land management and use which better align the NFIP with the current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches. Current FEMA floodplain management standards for flood-prone area regulations have not been revised since they were implemented in 1976. The agency is considering revision to these regulations based on its current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches and is now taking a thorough review of the floodplain management standards, along with prior published studies and reports, to determine how these standards can best meet FEMA and stakeholder needs.<sup>2</sup>

FEMA also plans to re-evaluate the implementation of the NFIP under the Endangered Species Act at the national level to complete a revised Biological Evaluation<sup>3</sup> re-examining how NFIP actions influence land development decisions; the potential for such actions to have adverse effects on listed species and critical habitats; and to identify program changes to mitigate adverse effects to avoid jeopardy to listed species and/or critical habitats. Public feedback will help FEMA with this process.

The purpose of this request for information is to seek feedback on the agency's request for information on the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat published October 12, 2021. Individuals cannot apply for FEMA assistance by submitting a comment in the **Federal Register** or at these public meetings. If you are an individual who has been impacted by a disaster and you are seeking assistance from FEMA, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/>

<sup>2</sup> See generally "National Flood Insurance Program: Evaluation Studies" found at <http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/rules-legislation/2006-evaluation> (last accessed July 8, 2021) and "Building Codes Save: A Nationwide Study of Loss Prevention" found at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/building-codes-save-study> (last accessed July 8, 2021) among others.

<sup>3</sup> Agencies may submit to the Services, an evaluation on the likely effects of an action, if listed species or critical habitat are likely to be affected by Agency action.

*individual* or call the FEMA Helpline (1-800-621-3362/TTY (800) 462-7585) to apply or receive information on a pending request.

FEMA will hold public meetings to ensure all interested parties have sufficient opportunity to provide comments on FEMA programs. As the RFI seeks information regarding a series of questions, the public may wish to review the RFI in advance of these meetings. FEMA will carefully consider all relevant comments received during the meetings, and during the rest of the RFI's comment period. All comments or remarks provided on the request for information during the meeting will be recorded and posted to the rulemaking docket on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Mineral Surveys, Mineral Patent Applications, Adverse Claims, Protests, and Contests**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 27, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to [BLM\\_HQ\\_PRA\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0025 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that due to COVID-19, the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about

this ICR, contact Elaine Guenaga by email at [eguenaga@blm.gov](mailto:eguenaga@blm.gov), or by telephone at 775-276-0287. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. The BLM may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) How might the agency 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 response.

Comments that you submit in response to this Notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we