

Program Narrative Report), 81–63 (Cause of Loss and Subrogation Report), 81–96 (Mobile Home Worksheet), 81–98 (Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) Adjuster Report), 81–109 (Adjuster Preliminary Damage Assessment), 81–110 (Adjuster Certification Application).

Abstract: In order to document and pay claims made against the National Flood Insurance Program Direct Business this information is collected and reviewed as part of the claims handling process by the servicing company under contract to FEMA.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 19,605.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, dependent on weather and related flooding conditions.

Estimated Hours Per Respondent: The average time required for the adjuster for each claim filed and the policyholder to list the items damaged in the flood and meet with the adjuster concerning the loss is estimated to be 4 hours. Burden hours are derived from the reports of the Adjusters who meet with the policyholders, from local community officials, and from DHS–FEMA staff's personal experience.

Estimated Total Cost to Respondents: \$405,412.00.

Estimated Total Cost to the Government: The adjusters are paid from a fee schedule based on the gross amount of the claim. The average adjuster payment was \$500.00 per claim. The number of claims annually varies with the weather and related flooding conditions. We estimate 5,000 claims, which provides, reimbursements to adjusters for expenses incurred in accordance with NFIP standards to evaluate the loss and obtain a proof of loss signed by the claimant, of approximately \$2,500,000.00. All these costs are paid by the National Flood Insurance Program and by the government.

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) evaluate the accuracy of the estimated costs to respondents to provide the information to the agency; (d) enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (e) 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 should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Branch, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472, or e-mail address:

Muriel.Anderson@dhs.gov, or facsimile number (202) 646–3524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information contact James S.P. Shortley, Director of Claims, Mitigation Division, Risk Insurance Branch at (202) 646–3418. Contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Request for Nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

Note: This is a republication of the notice published December 1, 2003 (68 FR 67202). It contains a correction to the date for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the interdepartmental National Invasive Species Council, proposes to appoint new members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ISAC.

DATES: Nominations must be received by January 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Lori Williams, Executive Director,

National Invasive Species Council (OS/SIO/NISC), 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Brantley, Program Analyst, at (202) 513–7243, fax: (202) 371–1751, or by e-mail at *Kelsey_Brantley@ios.doi.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives

The purpose and role of the ISAC are to provide advice to the Invasive Species Council (Council), as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues including preventing the introduction of invasive species, providing for their control, and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. Pursuant to the Executive Order, the Council developed a National Invasive Species Management Plan. The Plan is available on the Web at <http://www.invasivespecies.gov>. The Council is responsible for effective implementation of the Plan. The Council coordinates Federal agency activities concerning invasive species; prepares, revises, and issues the National Invasive Species Management Plan; encourages planning and action at local, tribal, State, regional and ecosystem-based levels; develops recommendations for international cooperation in addressing invasive species; facilitates the development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate, and monitor impacts from invasive species; and facilitates establishment of an information-sharing system on invasive species that utilizes, to the greatest extent practicable, the Internet.

The role of ISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. ISAC provides advice in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The ISAC meets up to four (4) times per year.

Terms for approximately half of the current members of the ISAC will expire in March 2004. Current members of the ISAC are eligible for reappointment. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to ISAC in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Commerce. The Secretary of Interior actively solicits new nominees to the ISAC. Members of ISAC should be