

Affected Public: Chemical Sector Facility owners and operators.

Number of Respondents: 2,500 annually.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 153 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 382,269 annually.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$34,786,190 annually.

Site Security Plan (SSP) and Alternative Security Program in lieu of SSP

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Chemical Sector Facility owners and operators.

Number of Respondents: 2,167.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 84 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 183,036.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$14,594,411.

Dated: January 22, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Notice of Adjustment of Statewide Per Capita Threshold for Recommending a Cost Share Adjustment

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice that the statewide per capita threshold for recommending cost share adjustments for major disasters declared on or after January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, is \$122.

DATES: This notice applies to major disasters declared on or after January 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 44 CFR 206.47, the statewide per capita threshold that is used to recommend an increase of the Federal cost share from seventy-five percent

(75%) to not more than ninety percent (90%) of the eligible cost of permanent work under section 406 and emergency work under section 403 and section 407 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is adjusted annually. The adjustment to the threshold is based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published annually by the U.S. Department of Labor. For disasters declared on January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, the qualifying threshold is \$122 per capita of State population.

This adjustment is based on an increase of 4.1 percent in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the 12-month period that ended December 2007. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on January 16, 2008.

(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; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidential Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidential Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidential Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.)

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Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2007-0007]

National Response Framework

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the availability of the final National Response Framework (NRF) which replaces the National Response Plan (NRP) that was issued in February 2005 and finalizes the draft version of the NRF which FEMA published for public comment in September 2007.

The NRF builds on the NRP and, using the comprehensive framework of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), serves as a guide to how the nation conducts all-hazards incident management.

DATES: FEMA issued the NRF on January 22, 2008. The NRF is effective March 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The NRF is available online in the NRF Resource Center located at <http://www.fema.gov/NRF>. The draft and final NRF, all related **Federal Register** Notices, and all public comments received during the comment period are available at www.regulations.gov under Docket ID FEMA-2007-0007. You may also view a hard copy of the NRF at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tracy Haynes, Acting National Response Framework Branch Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, 202-646-4218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Response Framework (NRF) is applicable to all Federal departments and agencies that may be requested to provide assistance or conduct operations in the context of actual or potential disasters and includes mechanisms for the coordination and implementation of a wide variety of incident management and emergency assistance activities including Federal support to State, local, and tribal authorities; interaction with private-sector organizations; and the coordinated, direct exercise of Federal authorities, when appropriate.

By adopting the term “framework” within the title, the NRF is now more in keeping with its intended purpose, specifically, simplifying the language, presentation and content; clarifying its national focus; articulating the five principles of response doctrine; and methodically describing the who, what and how of emergency preparedness and response. The NRF explains the common discipline and structures that have been exercised and matured at the local, State, and national levels over time. It captures key lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, particularly how the Federal Government is organized to support communities and States in catastrophic incidents.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) received numerous comments on the draft NRF, which FEMA published for public comment in September 2007. The final version