

has determined that a debt is owing in an amount certain.

§ 11.56 Analysis of costs.

The Agency Claims Officer shall provide for periodic comparison of costs incurred and amounts collected. Data on costs and corresponding recovery rates for debts of different types and in various dollar ranges should be used to compare the cost effectiveness of alternative collection techniques, establish guidelines with respect to the points at which costs of further collection efforts are likely to exceed recoveries, assist in evaluating offers in compromise, and establish minimum debt amounts below which collection efforts need not be taken. Cost and recovery data should also be useful in justifying adequate resources for an effective collection program.

§ 11.57 Automation.

The Agency Claims Officer shall work to automate the Agency's debt collection operations to the extent that it is cost effective and feasible.

§ 11.58 Prevention of overpayments, delinquencies, and defaults.

The Agency Claims Collection Officer shall establish procedures to identify the causes of overpayments, delinquencies, and defaults and the corrective actions needed. All debts or loans, when first established, may be reported to commercial credit bureaus.

§ 11.59 Office of General Counsel.

The Office of General Counsel shall provide legal advice on claims collection matters to all claims collection officers and the Agency Collection Officer, as needed.

§ 11.60 Sale of debts due the United States arising under programs administered by the Agency.

Where debts due the United States arising under programs administered by the Agency prove to be uncollectable or unresolvable through procedures described in §§ 11.33 through 11.35, 11.41 through 11.48, and 11.50 through 11.55 above and where the stated value of the debt is less than \$20,000, excluding penalties and interest then the Agency may contract to sell or assign such debts under competitive sales procedures. The Agency may sell or assign debts valued at \$600, or less, excluding penalties and interest, after decision by the Agency Claims Officer. Where the debt exceeds \$600 but is less than \$20,000, exclusive of interest and penalties, the Agency may sell or assign such debts only after the Agency Claims Officer has coordinated such action with the

Department of Justice and the General Accounting Office.

Dated: September 22, 1983.

Louis O. Giuferida,

Director.

[FR Doc. 83-26373 Filed 9-27-83; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6718-01-M

44 CFR Parts 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 70, 76, and 77

Changes in Assignments of Official in FEMA Regulations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document changes numerous references in FEMA regulations to the Federal Insurance Administrator to references to the Associate Director, State and Local Programs and Support, FEMA (called the Associate Director). The change is needed because the activities described in the regulations are now being performed by the Associate Director.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 1983.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Harding, Office of General Counsel, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20472, (202) 287-0377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This regulation makes changes needed to reflect new organizational assignments within FEMA. It relates to internal management and it is not a substantive rule. Thus, notice and public comment are unnecessary and the rule can be made effective immediately.

List of Subjects

44 CFR Part 59

Flood insurance, Flood plains.

44 CFR Part 60

Flood insurance, Flood plains.

44 CFR Part 61

Flood insurance.

44 CFR Part 64

Flood insurance.

44 CFR Part 65

Flood insurance.

44 CFR Part 66

Flood insurance, Flood plains, Intergovernmental relations.

44 CFR Part 67

Flood insurance, Flood plains.

44 CFR Part 70

Flood insurance, Flood plains.

44 CFR Part 76

Flood insurance, Grant programs/ Environmental protection.

44 CFR Part 77

Flood insurance, Flood plains, Grant programs/ Environmental protection.

Accordingly, "Subchapter B, Chapter 1 of Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 59—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§§ 59.2, 59.22, 59.24 [Amended]

1. 44 CFR Part 59 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in the following sections:

§§ 59.1 (In definition of "Eligible Community", "Flood Elevation determination", "Flood Hazard Boundary Map", "Flood Insurance Rate Map", "Participating Community", "Project Cost", "Regular Program", and "State Coordinating Agency"), 59.2(a), 59.2(b), 59.22(a)(9) (i) and (v), 59.22(b)(2), 59.24(a) (9 times), 59.24(b) (6 times).

PART 60—CRITERIA FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AND USE

§§ 60.1-60.6, 60.11, 60.16, 60.25 [Amended]

2. 44 CFR Part 60 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in place thereof in the following sections: §§ 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 60.2(a) (2 times), 60.2(f), 60.2(h) (2 times), 60.3 introductory text (5 times), 60.3(a), 60.3(b), 60.3(b)(4), 60.3(b)(6), 60.3(c), 60.3(c)(2), 60.3(c)(4), 60.3(d), 60.3(e), 60.4 introductory text (5 times), 60.4(a), 60.4(b), 60.4(b)(2), 60.5 introductory text (5 times), 60.5(a), 60.5(b), 60.5(b)(2), 60.6(a) (3 times), 60.6(a)(6), 60.6(b)(1) (2 times), 60.6(b)(2), 60.6(b)(3), 60.6(b)(4), 60.11(a), 60.11(b) (first time only), 60.13, 60.25(a)(4), 60.25(b).

PART 61—INSURANCE COVERAGE AND RATES

§ 61.12 [Amended]

3. 44 CFR Part 61 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in the following sections: §§ 61.12(a), 61.12(b), 61.12(c), 61.12(d), 61.12(e), and 61.12(f).

PART 64—COMMUNITIES ELIGIBLE FOR THE SALE OF INSURANCE

§§ 64.3, 64.4, 64.5 [Amended]

4. 44 CFR Part 64 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in its place in the following sections:

§§ 64.3(a), 64.3(a)(2), 64.3(c)(1), 64.4(b), 64.4(c), 64.4(d), 64.5(a) [2 times].

PART 65—IDENTIFICATION AND MAPPING OF SPECIAL HAZARD AREAS

§ 65.3 [Amended]

5. 44 CFR Part 65 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in its place in the following sections: §§ 65.3, 65.3(a), 65.3(u)(2), 65.3(c).

PART 66—CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

§§ 66.1 and 66.3 [Amended]

6. 44 CFR Part 66 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in its place in the following sections: §§ 66.1(c), 66.1(c)(3), 66.3(a), 66.3(b).

7. 44 CFR Part 66 is amended by removing the title "Administrator's" and adding the title "Associate Director's" in its place in § 66.3(b).

PART 67—APPEALS FROM PROPOSED FLOOD ELEVATION DETERMINATIONS

§§ 67.3, 67.4, 67.6-67.9, 67.12 [Amended]

8. 44 CFR Part 67 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding the title "Associate Director" in its place in the following sections: §§ 67.3 introductory text, 67.3(e), 67.3(f), 67.4 introductory text, 67.6, 67.7(b), 67.7(d), 67.8(a), 67.8(b), 67.8(c), 67.8(e), 67.9(a), 67.12(a).

§§ 67.5, 67.7, 67.11 [Amended]

9. 44 CFR Part 67 is amended by removing the possessive form of the title "Administrator's" and adding the possessive form of the title "Associate Director's" in place thereof in the following sections: §§ 67.5 (2 times), 67.7(a) (2 times), 67.7(d), 67.11.

PART 70—PROCEDURE FOR MAP CORRECTION

§§ 70.1 and 70.3-70.6 [Amended]

10. 44 CFR Part 70 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding in its place the title "Associate Director" in the following sections: §§ 70.1, 70.3(a), 70.4, 70.5, 70.6(a).

PART 76—STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

§ 76.2 [Amended]

11. 44 CFR Part 76 is amended by removing the title "Federal Insurance Administrator" and adding in its place the title "Associate Director" in the following section: § 76.2(d)(2).

PART 77—ACQUISITION OF FLOOD DAMAGED STRUCTURES

§§ 77.1 and 77.2 [Amended]

12. 44 CFR Part 77 is amended by removing the title "Administrator" and adding in its place "Associate Director" in the following sections: §§ 77.1(b), 77.2(b), 77.2(b)(1), 77.2(b)(4), 77.2(b)(5), 77.2(d)(1) (2 times), 77.2(d)(3) (2 times).

13. Section 77.2(d)(3) is amended by removing the title "Federal Insurance Administrator" and inserting "Director" in its place.

(Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, Executive Order 12127)

Dated: September 22, 1983.

Jeffrey S. Bragg,

Executive Deputy Director.

(FR Doc. 83-26372 Filed 9-29-83; 8:45 am)

BILLING CODE 6716-01-M

44 CFR Part 61

[Docket No. FEMA-FIA]

National Flood Insurance Program; Insurance Coverage and Rates; Emergency Phase

AGENCY: Federal Insurance Administration (FIA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is increasing the chargeable rates for all structures located in communities participating in the emergency phase of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Federal Emergency Administration (FIA) has examined the current chargeable rates and the amount of subsidy required to supplement the inadequate premium income derived from insurance policies to which these rates apply. Based on this examination, FIA has determined that the general public continues to bear too great a share of the burden for subsidized insurance rates. In addition, FIA has determined that the rate increase is necessary to bring the National Flood Insurance Program closer to a self-supporting basis and create a sounder financial basis for the program.

DATE: This rule will be effective October 31, 1983.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald L. Collins, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Insurance Administration, Room 429, 500 "C" Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20472; Telephone Number (202) 287-9740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 15, 1983, FEMA published for comment

in the Federal Register (Vol. 48, Page 32368) a proposed rule to increase the chargeable or subsidized rates for all structures located in communities participating in the emergency phase of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Two comments were received, both opposing the proposed increases. Concern was expressed that some regions of the country experience a greater incidence of flooding than do many other regions, especially those within the coastal high hazard areas and many of the large riverine areas, such as the Lower Mississippi River, Ohio River, etc. Thus, the belief was expressed that FIA should consider a more equitable method of having owners of structures in those high hazard areas pay an increased rate to reflect program losses. However, the Congressional intent in establishing the Emergency Program was to provide a limited amount of coverage at reasonable premium rates during the time that data is being developed to determine the extent of the flood hazard so that true actuarial rates can then be implemented.

The belief was also expressed that policyholders outside of the recognized high hazard areas pay too great a share of the subsidized emergency insurance and that it would be more equitable if rates were commensurate with the actual flood loss experience (perhaps by adding a percentage or surcharge increase in the emergency rates when two or more flood claims are paid in a 3- to 10-year period, thus resulting in subsidized rates being moved closer to actuarial rates as additional claims are paid). FEMA recently considered the implementation of a surcharge system for risks subject to repetitive damage and received a great deal of comments, both positive and negative, on this subject. Because of the substantive issues that were raised concerning such a system, it was determined that consideration for such a system should be deferred until it can be studied longer and more input can be obtained from the public through a subsequent proposed rule.

Concern was expressed that the proposed increase in the emergency program rates will result in a reduction in the number of policies purchased and renewed by the segment of the population most in need of flood insurance, will be a disincentive for communities to join and/or remain in the NFIP, and therefore will not enhance floodplain management efforts. While these are valid concerns, FEMA believes that the proposed increases in the subsidized rates will still result in reasonably priced coverage to the policyholder who will benefit from the

insurance at the time of a loss. At the same time, the increased rates will result in a benefit to the general public because such an increase will reduce the amount of subsidy provided by the American taxpayer through the U.S. Treasury.

It should be remembered that the emergency program of the NFIP is an interim phase that the community is enrolled in only until such time as FEMA can provide the detailed information on the extent of its flood hazard and convert that community into the regular phase of the NFIP. Proper floodplain management is an essential requirement for the community's enrollment in both phases of the NFIP.

FEMA has determined that this final rule does not contain a collection of information required as described in Section 3504(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

FEMA has determined, based upon an Environmental Assessment, that this final rule does not have a significant impact upon the quality of the human environment. A finding of no significant impact is included in the formal docket file and is available for public inspection and copying at the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 "C" Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20472.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 61

Flood insurance.

Accordingly, Part 61 of Subchapter B of Chapter 1 of Title 44 is amended as follows:

PART 61—INSURANCE COVERAGE AND RATES

Section 61.9 is revised to read as follows:

§ 61.9 Establishment of chargeable rates.

(a) Pursuant to Section 1308 of the Act, chargeable rates per year per \$100 of flood insurance are established as follows for all areas designated by the Administrator under Part 64 of this subchapter for the offering of flood insurance.

RATES FOR NEW AND RENEWAL POLICIES

Type of structure	Rates per year per \$100 coverage on	
	Structure	Contents
(1) Residential	\$0.45	\$0.55
(2) All other (including hotels and motels) with normal occupancy of less than 6 months in duration	.55	1.10

(b) The contents rate shall be based upon the use of the individual premises

for which contents coverage is purchased.

(42 U.S.C. 4001 et. seq., Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1978 (3 CFR 1978 Comp. 329) and E.O. 12127 (44 FR 19367))

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100 National Flood Insurance Program)

Issued at: Washington, D.C., September 27, 1983.

Jeffrey S. Bragg,

Federal Insurance Administrator.

[FR Doc. 83-26741 Filed 9-28-83; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6718-03-M

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 0

[Gen. Docket No. 79-263; FCC 83-426]

Amendment of the Freedom of Information Rules To Modify Fees for Record Searches

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document revises the Commission's Freedom of Information Rules to reflect the identity and fees charged by the commercial duplicating firm authorized to make copies of Commission records and offer them for sale to the public. This action is being taken as a result of the recent award of a new copy contract.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 24, 1983.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy W. Thomas, Office of General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554, Tel. (202) 632-6990.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 0

Freedom of Information.

Third Order

In the Matter of Amendment of Freedom of Information Rules To Modify Fees for Record Searches; Gen. Docket No. 79-263.

Adopted: September 21, 1983.

Released: September 22, 1983.

By the Commission.

1. In November 1980, the Commission adopted a *First Order* in this docket that implemented a schedule of fees for staff document searches conducted to fulfill Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requests. 84 FCC 2d 14 (1980). The Order also included rules that clarified the procedure for obtaining copies of agency documents. The *Second Order* in this proceeding revised the schedule of hourly fees for staff document searches conducted to fulfill FOIA requests. 48 FR 31039 (July 6, 1983).

2. A note to § 0.465(a) of the Commission's Rules identifies the commercial duplication firm authorized to make copies of Commission records and offer them for sale to the public. In view of the recent award of the copy contract to a new vendor, it is necessary to amend the identifying note. Further amendments will be made periodically to identify the current copy contractor.

3. We find that prior notice and comment procedures are unnecessary to implement the rule amendments in the attached Appendix due to the ministerial nature of the rule change involved. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B). The rule change merely reflects the identity and standard fees of the new copy contractor. Therefore, we believe that this action is noncontroversial and unlikely to generate any public comment.

4. In view of the foregoing and pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, it is hereby ordered that Part 0 of the Commission's Rules is amended as set forth in the attached Appendix effective October 24, 1983.

5. It is further ordered that the Secretary shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the *Federal Register*.

Federal Communications Commission.
William J. Tricarico,
Secretary.

Appendix

PART 0—[AMENDED]

Part 0 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is hereby amended as indicated below:

1. Section 0.465(a) is amended by revising the note to read as follows:

§ 0.465 Request for copies of materials which are available, or made available for public inspection.

(a) * * *

Note.—Currently, the contractor is International Transcription Services, Inc., 4006 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030; telephone (202) 296-7322 or in Gettysburg, PA (717) 337-1433. The current duplicating contract (August 1983) specifies a search charge of \$12.00 per hour. There is a minimum order fee of \$1.50. The copying charges under the contract vary in accordance with the speed of service. The duplication fee is 5 cents per page for both coin-operated and metered copying. Copies of the FCC telephone directory are also available from the contractor.

[FR Doc. 83-26407 Filed 9-28-83; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6712-01-M