

major disaster by the President in his declaration of April 10, 2000:

Caroline County for emergency protective measures (Category B) under Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Lacy E. Suiter,

Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

National Flood Insurance Program Call for Issues Final Report

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We (FEMA) announce when and how our final report on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)'s Call for Issues will be available to the public.

DATES: On June 15, 2000, we will post the report on our web site and will begin accepting orders for copies of the final report.

By August 1, 2000, we will make an initial distribution of the final report to each of the 173 respondents. We will respond to orders from the public during the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.

ADDRESSES: To place orders for the final NFIP Call for Issues report please contact the FEMA Distribution Center, P.O. Box 2012, Jessup, MD 20794.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

H. Joseph Coughlin, Jr., Assistant to the Federal Insurance Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472; (202) 646-3449, (facsimile) (202) 646-7970, or (email) joseph.coughlin@fema.gov; or Michael Robinson, Acting Chief, Policy Branch, Program Assessment and Outreach Division, the Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472; (202) 646-2716, (facsimile) (202) 646-2577, or (email) mike.robinson@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 9, 1998, we published at 63 FR 48222 a notice inviting the public to recommend how the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) may be even more effective than now. During the comment period, we received recommendations from 173 respondents. Those respondents submitted 796 recommendations spanning the insurance, mapping, and floodplain management components of the NFIP. We analyzed and evaluated extensively the public's comments and recommendations for the NFIP. In a number of cases, we adopted or will adopt the public's recommendation on how to improve a specific aspect of the program. In many other cases, we had anticipated the recommendation with initiatives planned or already underway when we received the recommendation. In other cases, we did not adopt the public's recommendation either because we do not believe it was in the best interests of the program or because we are addressing the recommendation in some other way. The final report contains:

- The public's recommendation to improve aspects of the NFIP,
- Our decision whether to adopt the public's recommendation, including our planned implementation or actual progress, and
- An explanation of our decision.

On June 15, 2000, we will post the final report on NFIP's Call for Issues on FEMA's web site, <http://www.fema.gov/>, and we will begin to accept orders for copies of the final report from members of the public who did not submit written comments during our call for issues. By August 1, 2000, we will send a copy of the final report to each of the 173 respondents who submitted written recommendations on how to improve the NFIP. We will respond to orders for the report from the public in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year.

A number of decisions contained in the report reflect a partial or future action that we will take and not the completed action to implement our decision. We will therefore publish an annual update to show our progress in implementing all recommendations that we have adopted—both the work completed since our last update and the current status of efforts underway but not yet finished. We will continue to publish these annual updates until we complete the final action on all adopted recommendations submitted during this call for issues on the NFIP.

We appreciate very much the comments and recommendations that we received and want to thank all those

who participated for their time, effort and insights.

Dated: May 3, 2000.

Jo Ann Howard,
Administrator, Federal Insurance Administration.

Michael Armstrong,
Associate Director, Mitigation Directorate.
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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Transportation Intermediary License; Applicant

Notice is hereby given that the following applicant has filed with the Federal Maritime Commission an application for license as Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder—Ocean Transportation Intermediary pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 as amended (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 515).

Persons knowing of any reason why the following applicant should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Transportation Intermediaries, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier and Ocean Freight Forwarder Transportation Intermediary Applicant

Pactrans Marine, Inc., 12801 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061.

Officers: Jesse Domingo, Director (Qualifying Individual), Chee Tao Tsui, President.

Dated: May 9, 2000.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary; Office of Public Health and Science

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part A, (Office of the Secretary) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, Chapter AC, Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), paragraph ACA, Immediate Office, as last amended at 62 FR 5009-10, 2/3/97; and paragraph ACF, Office of Research Integrity (ORI), as last amended at 60 FR 56606-06,

dated November 9, 1995, are being amended to make policy changes approved by the Secretary. Specifically, the Notice is to reflect that the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) will make proposed findings of research misconduct and administrative actions in response to allegations of research misconduct involving research conducted or supported by components of the Public Health Service (PHS); that direct investigations, previously conducted by ORI, will be conducted by components of the PHS for intramural research and by the Office of Inspector General for extramural research; and that role and structure of ORI will be changed to focus more on preventing misconduct and promoting research integrity through expanded education programs. The changes are as follows:

I. Amend Chapter AC.20 Functions, paragraph A. "Office of Public Health and Science," paragraph titled, "The Immediate Office (ACA)" by adding the following new clause:

(1) Proposes findings of research misconduct and administrative actions in response to allegations of research misconduct involving research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service (PHS) OPDIVs, including reversal of an institution's no misconduct finding or opening of a new investigation.

II. Under Section AC.20 Function, delete, paragraph E. "Office of Research Integrity (ACF)" in its entirety, and replace with the following:

E. Office of Research Integrity (ACF)—The Director reports to the Secretary and will: (1) Oversee and direct Public Health Service (PHS) research integrity activities on behalf of the Secretary with the exception of the regulatory research integrity activities of the Food and Drug Administration; (2) recommend to the Assistant Secretary for Health for decision, findings of research misconduct and administrative actions in connection with research conducted or supported by the PHS; (3) coordinate the development of research integrity policies designed to ensure that subjects of investigations and whistleblowers are treated fairly, including clear specification of what constitutes misconduct, a fair hearing process, appropriate time limits on pursuing allegations, and specific whistleblower protections; (4) manage the financial resources and provide overall administrative guidance in carrying out the activities; and (5) oversee and direct the research misconduct and integrity activities of the office, including the oversight of research misconduct inquiries and investigations, education and training in the responsible conduct

of research, activities designed to promote research integrity and prevent misconduct, and research and evaluation programs.

1. Division of Education and Integrity (ACF2)—The Director and staff: (1) develop and implement, in consultation with the PHS OPDIVs, activities and programs for PHS intramural and extramural research to teach the responsible conduct of research, promote research integrity, prevent research misconduct, and to enable the extramural institutions and PHS OPDIVs to respond effectively to allegations of research misconduct; (2) coordinate the dissemination of research integrity policies, procedures, and regulations; (3) conduct policy analyses, evaluations, and research to improve DHHS research integrity policies and procedures and build the knowledge base in research misconduct, research integrity, and prevention; (4) develop (in consultation with the PHS OPDIVs) policies, procedures, and regulations for review by the Director, Office of Research Integrity, and recommendations to the Secretary; (5) administer programs for: approval of institutional assurances; response to Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act requests; review and approval of intramural and extramural policies and procedures; and response to allegations of whistleblower retaliation.

2. Division of Investigative Oversight (ACF3)—The Director and staff: (1) review and monitor investigations conducted by applicant and awardee institutions and intramural research programs; (2) evaluate investigations and investigatory findings of awardee and applicant institutions, intramural research programs, and the Office of Inspector General and develop and recommend to the ORI Director, findings of research misconduct and proposal administrative actions against those who committed misconduct; (3) assist the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) in preparing and presenting cases in hearings before the Research Integrity Adjudications Panel of the DHHS Department Appeals Board; (4) provide information on DHHS policies and procedures, as requested, to individuals who have made an allegation or have been accused of research misconduct; and (5) establish and implement a program of advice and technical assistance to entities that conduct inquiries and investigations, or otherwise respond to allegations of research misconduct.

III. Under Chapter AC, Section ACF-30, Delegations of Authority—All delegations and redelegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary for

Health and officials of the Office of Research Integrity that were in effect prior to the effective date of this reorganization shall continue in effect pending further redelegation.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Betsy D'Jamos,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Assessing the Effectiveness of HUD2020 Management Reforms—Public Knowledge of Fair Housing Issues

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: July 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul B. Dornan, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0574, extension 4486 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed data collection instruments and other available documents may be obtained from Mr. Dornan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed