

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-1860-DR; Docket ID FEMA-2008-0018]

Kansas; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Kansas (FEMA-1860-DR), dated September 30, 2009, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 30, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Miller, Disaster Assistance Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 30, 2009, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Kansas resulting from severe storms and flooding during the period of July 8-14, 2009, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the "Stafford Act"). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Kansas.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act that you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance is supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later requested and warranted, Federal funding under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the

Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Michael R. Scott, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the State of Kansas have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Anderson, Bourbon, Franklin, Linn, and Sedgwick Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Kansas are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(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 Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.)

W. Craig Fugate,

Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0017]

Voluntary Private Sector Accreditation and Certification Preparedness Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces its intent to select standards for adoption in the Voluntary Private Sector Accreditation and Certification Preparedness Program ("PS-Prep"). This notice (1) finalizes the criteria to be used in selecting standards for the PS-Prep Program; (2) discusses the prospective adoption of the three identified standards, including (a) the approach for collaboration with the Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) sectors and (b) considerations for small business in the adoption of the three identified

standards; and (3) poses specific questions for which comment is sought. Although DHS intends to select only the three identified preparedness standards at this time, DHS may select additional standards in the future.

Instructions: DHS will accept comments on PS-Prep and these standards at any time, and comments will be considered as they are received. Within 30 days after publication of this notice, DHS requests comments regarding the adoption of the standard selections or any other similar standard that satisfies the Target Criteria presented in the December 24, 2008 notice (73 FR 79140). Those interested may submit comments, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2008-0017, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. (**Note:** This process applies to all government requests for comments—even though as in the case of PS-Prep, they may not be for regulatory purposes.)

- **E-mail:** FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov. Include Docket ID FEMA-2008-0017 in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** 703-483-2999.

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:** Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 840, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID FEMA-2008-0017. All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Because comments are made available to the public, submitters should take caution to not include any sensitive, personal information, trade secret, or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is deemed privileged or confidential. Submitters may wish to read the Privacy Act Notice available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, 500 C Street, SW., Room 840, Washington, DC 20472.

Availability of the Identified Standards: The three identified standards are available in two ways in