DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4339–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]

Puerto Rico; Amendment No. 7 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (FEMA–4339–DR), dated September 20, 2017, and related determinations.

DATES: This amendment was issued February 23, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated February 23, 2018, the President amended the cost-sharing arrangements regarding Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”), in a letter to Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico resulting from Hurricane Maria during the period of September 17 to November 15, 2017, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that special cost-sharing arrangements are warranted regarding Federal funds provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq. (the “Stafford Act”).

Therefore, I amend my declarations of September 20, 2017, September 26, 2017, and November 2, 2017, to authorize a 90-day extension of the period of 100 percent Federal funding for debris removal, including direct Federal assistance, and a 60-day extension of the period of 100 percent Federal funding for emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance.

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.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174) authorizes the President to provide temporary housing units to include mobile homes and other readily fabricated dwellings to eligible applicants who require temporary housing assistance as a result of a major disaster. 44 CFR part 206 provides the requirements and procedures for delivering temporary housing assistance to eligible individuals and households with disaster-related housing needs. The information collected provides the facts necessary to determine the feasibility of a potential site for placement of a Temporary Housing Unit (THU), to ensure the landowner will allow for a Mobile Housing Unit (MHU) to be placed on the property, and to document the installation and maintenance of the unit. FEMA is requesting an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.