ACTION: Notice for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC); Committee on Science; Fast Track Action Committee on Health Science and Technology Response to the Opioid Crisis (Opioid FTAC), is requesting input on the content of a draft report, “Health Research and Development to Stem the Opioid Crisis: A Federal Roadmap.”

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by email to opioidsroadmap@OSTP.eop.gov. Please include “Health Research and Development to Stem the Opioid Crisis: A Federal Roadmap” in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: The draft report is available for download at: https://www.nih.gov/draft-ftac. Response to this Notice for Public Comments is voluntary. Clearly indicate the section and page number, if applicable, to which submitted comments pertain. All submissions must be in English. Please clearly label submissions as regarding “Health Research and Development to Stem the Opioid Crisis: A Federal Roadmap.” When the final report is issued, relevant comments and the commenters’ names, along with the commenters’ responses, may become part of the public record and be made available to view online. NIH therefore requests that commenters do not submit business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information in response to this Notice for Public Comment. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Brenner, Office of Science and Technology Policy, (202) 456–444, or opioidsroadmap@OSTP.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Opioid FTAC was chartered in December 2017 to facilitate coordination of health Research and Development (R&D) and related Science and Technology (S&T) activities across agencies, and with other Administration initiatives, in support of the national response to the opioid crisis; facilitate interagency sharing of opioid-related health R&D findings, standard-based data and tools, and best practices; assess gaps in, and opportunities for strengthening R&D and related S&T response to the opioid crisis; and, identify opportunities to expedite promising and potentially groundbreaking R&D efforts to rapidly combat the crisis.

The draft report builds on the recommendations in the report from the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and The Opioid Crisis, as well as recommendations from multiple other sources, such as the National Academy of Sciences report on Pain Management and the Opioid Epidemic, the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee’s Federal Pain Research Strategy, the National Governors Association report on Governor’s Recommendations for Federal Action to End the Nation’s Opioid Crisis, and the Surgeon General’s report Facing Addiction in America, among others, to identify research and development opportunities to coordinate the Federal Government’s S&T response to the opioid crisis. This notice solicits relevant public input on the draft report.

The report describes:
- Research recommendations generated by the Opioid FTAC in each of these areas;
- An eighth section that includes recommendations on ways to enhance Federal interagency coordination as well as coordination with non-Federal stakeholders.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4403–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]

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–4403–DR), dated October 19, 2018, and related determinations.

DATES: The declaration was issued October 19, 2018.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated October 19, 2018, 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, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of September 1 to September 8, 2018, 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 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 and Hazard Mitigation throughout the State. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, with the exception of projects that meet the eligibility criteria for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal implemented pursuant to section 428 of the Stafford Act.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance 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, Paul Taylor, 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:

Barber, Clay, Kingman, Kiowa, Marshall, Pratt, Rice, and Riley Counties for Public Assistance.

All areas within the State of Kansas are eligible 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 Presidential 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.

Brock Long,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency


Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before February 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at https://fmix.fema.gov for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA–B–1859, to Rick Sachibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–7659, or (email) patrick.sachibit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sachibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–7659, or (email) patrick.sachibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at https://msc.fema.gov for comparison.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, “Flood Insurance.”)

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