

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4444-N-05]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Effects of Disclosure on Public Awareness of Lead Paint Hazards**AGENCY:** Office of Lead Hazard Control, 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: *Comments Due Date:* July 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Gail Ward, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara A. Haley, (202) 755-1785 ext. 126 (this is not toll-free number), for copies of the proposed data collection instruments.

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).

The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Current Population Survey (CPS) December 1999

Supplement: Effects of Disclosure on Public Awareness of Lead Paint Hazards.

OMB Control Number: 2539-0006.

Need For the Information and Proposed Use: The Department of Housing and Urban Development is requesting renewal of clearance for the collection of data concerning the Lead Paint Hazards Awareness Supplement to be conducted in conjunction with the December 1999 CPS. Title 13, United States Code, Section 182; and Title 29 United States Code, Sections 1-9, authorize the collection of CPS information. The Census Bureau will collect the supplemental data in compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB Circular A-130. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) sponsored the supplement questions, which were previously collected in December 1997. This survey provides information that is suitable for the planning and evaluation of Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The supplement, which was conducted in December 1994 will serve as a benchmark for determining awareness to the hazards of lead-based paint before the disclosure requirement of Title X, which went into effect in December 1996. The disclosure requirement mandates that landlords and sellers of dwellings built before 1978 disclose to potential renters or buyers the potential for the presence of lead-based paint and the hazards associated with lead-based paint. The 1999 supplement will be used to measure the change in awareness for the hazards associated with lead-based paint since the disclosure requirement went into effect and assist state and local governments with lead hazard awareness education program development. The lead paint hazards awareness information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular December CPS interviewing. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

Agency Form Numbers: There are no forms. All interviewing is computerized.

Members of Affected Public: Households.

Total Burden Estimate (first year): Estimated Number of Respondents: 48,000 per month.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8.3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once—December 1999.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,640.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$441,172.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 6, 1999.

David E. Jacobs,

Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4444-N-06]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Guidance for Analysis of Composite Wipe Samples**AGENCY:** Office of Lead Hazard Control, 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: *Comments Due Date:* July 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Gail N. Ward, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Warren Friedman, 202-755-1785 ext. 159 (this is not a toll-free number) for available documents regarding this proposal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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 collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality,

utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Development of Guidance for Analysis of Composite Wipe Samples.

OMB Control Number: (To be assigned.)

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing ("Guidelines") and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) work practice standards for conducting lead-based paint activities: target housing and child-occupied facilities (15 U.S.C. 2682(a)(1), 40 CFR 745.227) allow the use of analysis of composite samples (more than one sample analyzed together) of dust on wipes (typically thin cellulose cloths of a few square inches) that are wiped on a specified area of a building component as part of risk assessment. Laboratory experiences has shown that the presence of increased bulk from more than one wipe causes problems during laboratory analysis, particularly digestion (extraction of lead from the wipe). Limited performance testing and anecdotal information from laboratories indicate that the quality of laboratory processing of wipes may be poor due to lack of validated digestion methodology. The accrediting bodies authorized under the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (15 U.S.C. 2685(b)) have recently specified separation of composite wipe samples into separate wipes for laboratory digestion and analysis as a set of single wipe samples, along with reporting of cross-contamination results; this approach has not been validated. Most information collected, such as documentation of laboratory procedures, and reports of laboratory analytical results, will be collected and processed electronically, preferably through electronic mail of computer data files and also through shipping of computer data disks. Laboratories participating in the information collection will be compensated at market rates for performing the wipe sample analyses. Ethical guidance based on field-validated laboratory processing of composite wipe samples is needed to promote the acquisition of technically acceptable and

programmatically accepted laboratory analytical results. The guidance developed as a result of this information collection will be considered for incorporation into HUD documents, such as the Guidelines, offered to voluntary consensus standards bodies for their consideration in adopting voluntary consensus standards, and provided to other public and private entities for their use.

Agency form numbers: Not applicable.

Members of affected public: Laboratories performing analyses of lead in room dust.

Total Burden Estimate:

Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Hours of response
20	2	400

Status of the proposed information collection: New collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 6, 1999.

David E. Jacobs,

Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4316-FA-05]

Announcement of Funding Award—Fiscal Year 1999 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control National Institute of Building Sciences

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary—Office of Lead Hazard Control, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding award.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of a funding decision made by the Department of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS). This announcement contains the name and address of the awardee and the amount of the award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Levitt, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room P3206, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 755-1785, ext. 156. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service TTY at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fiscal year 1999 appropriation for the

Department of Housing and Urban Development established the Healthy Homes Initiative and requested a report on the Department's plan for the initiative. Public Law 105-276 (the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999) provides \$10 million for the initiative to, as described in the Appropriations Committee's report, "develop and implement a program of research and demonstration projects that would address multiple housing-related problems affecting the health of children" of which at least \$4 million is to be "devoted to preventive measures to correct moisture and mold problems in inner-city housing occupied by families with infants in communities where toxic mold exposure has been linked to acute pulmonary hemorrhage an infant death." The Appropriations Committee requested that HUD submit a plan that "inventories the problems to be addressed, described their intersections, identifies key technical questions, and provides a spending plan allocation funds among technical and policy studies, pilot projects, and emergency remediation." In developing this plan, the Committee advised HUD to seek expert advice. The National Institute of Building Sciences was awarded a grant to organize, facilitate, and record a two day meeting of recognized experts from a broad range of professions, from Federal, State, and local government agencies, and national and local practitioners in the private sector. NIBS is responsible for collecting and collating all comments from meeting participants, facilitating the exchange of ideas and information at the meeting, recording the meeting proceedings, generating a written summary of the meeting along with all supporting materials (e.g. scientific reports, peer reviewed journal articles), and forwarding all materials to the OLHC. In addition, NIBS is responsible for the distribution of the final HHI Plan of Action to all meeting participants.

This notice announces the award of \$75,828 to NIBS. This funding will be used by NIBS to accomplish the tasks described above.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.900.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the name, address, and amount of the award as follows: National Institute of Building Sciences,