

- Bridgeport EC  
New Haven EZ  
New Haven EC
- Delaware*  
Wilmington EC
- District of Columbia*  
Washington EC
- Florida*  
Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida EC  
Jackson County, Florida EC—Jackson County  
Miami/Miami Dade EZ  
Miami EC  
Tampa EC
- Georgia*  
Albany EC  
Atlanta EZ  
Central Savannah River Area EC—Burke, Hancock, Jefferson, McDuffie, Taliaferro, Warren Counties  
Southwest Georgia United EZ
- Hawaii*  
Molokai EC
- Illinois*  
Chicago EZ  
East St. Louis EC  
Southernmost Illinois Delta EZ  
St. Louis MO/East St. Louis IL EZ  
Springfield EC
- Indiana*  
Gary EZ  
Indianapolis EC  
Town of Austin EC
- Iowa*  
Des Moines EC
- Kansas*  
Kansas City MO/Kansas City KS EC  
Wichita County EC
- Kentucky*  
Bowling Green EC  
Kentucky Highlands EZ—Clinton, Jackson, Wayne Counties  
Louisville EC  
Scott/McReary Area EC—Scott (TN), McCreary (KY) Counties
- Louisiana*  
Macon Ridge EC—Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Morehouse, Tensas Counties  
New Orleans EC  
Northeast Louisiana Delta EC—Madison County  
Oachita Parish EC
- Maine*  
City of Lewiston EC
- Maryland*  
Baltimore EZ
- Massachusetts*  
Boston EZ  
Boston EC  
Lowell EC  
Springfield EC
- Michigan*  
Clare County EC  
Detroit EZ  
Flint EC  
Muskegon EC
- Minnesota*  
Minneapolis EZ  
Minneapolis EC  
St. Paul EC
- Missouri*  
City of East Prairie/Mississippi County EC—Mississippi County  
Kansas City MO/Kansas City KS EC  
St. Louis MO/East St. Louis IL EZ
- St. Louis EC
- Mississippi*  
North Delta EC—Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie Counties
- Montana*  
Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribe EC
- Nebraska*  
Omaha EC
- Nevada*  
Las Vegas EC
- New Hampshire*  
Manchester EC
- New Jersey*  
Cumberland County EZ  
Newark EC  
Philadelphia PA/Camden NJ EZ
- New Mexico*  
Albuquerque EC  
City of Deming EC  
Four Corners EC (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah)  
La Jicarita EC—Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos Counties
- New York*  
Albany/Troy/Schenectady EC  
Buffalo EC  
New York EZ  
Newburgh/Kingston EC  
Rochester EC
- North Carolina*  
Charlotte EC  
Halifax, Edgecombe, Wilson EC—Halifax, Edgecombe, Wilson Counties  
Robeson County EC—Robeson County
- North Dakota*  
Griggs-Steele EZ
- Ohio*  
Akron EC  
Cincinnati EZ  
Cleveland EZ  
Columbus EZ  
Columbus EC  
Greater Portsmouth EC—Scioto County  
Huntington WV/Ironton OH EZ
- Oklahoma*  
Oklahoma City EC  
Southeast Oklahoma EC—Choctaw, McCurtain Counties  
Tri-County Indian Nations EC
- Oregon*  
Josephine County EC—Josephine County  
Portland EC
- Pennsylvania*  
City of Lock Haven Federal EC—Clinton County  
Fayette EC  
Harrisburg EC  
Philadelphia PA/Camden NJ EZ  
Pittsburgh EC
- Rhode Island*  
Providence EC
- South Carolina*  
Allendale ALIVE EC  
Charleston/North Charleston EC  
Columbia/Sumter EZ  
Williamsburg, Lake City EC—Williamsburg, Florence Counties
- South Dakota*  
Beadle/Spink Dakota EC—Beadle, Spink Counties  
Oglala Sioux Tribe EZ
- Tennessee*  
Clinch-Powell EC  
Fayette County/Haywood County EC—Fayette, Haywood Counties  
Knoxville EZ
- Nashville EC  
Scott/McReary Area EC—Scott (TN), McCreary (KY) Counties
- Texas*  
Dallas EC  
El Paso EZ  
El Paso EC  
FUTURO EC  
Houston EC  
Rio Grande Valley EZ—Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy Counties  
San Antonio EC  
Waco EC
- Utah*  
Four Corners EC (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah)  
Ogden EC
- Vermont*  
Burlington EC
- Virginia*  
Accomack-Northampton EC—Northampton, Accomack Counties  
Norfolk/Portsmouth EZ  
Norfolk EC
- Washington*  
Lower Yakima County Rural EC—Yakima County  
Seattle EC  
Tacoma EC  
Tri-County Rural EC
- West Virginia*  
Central Appalachia EC—Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Nicholas, Roane Counties  
Huntington WV/Ironton OH EZ  
Huntington EC  
McDowell County EC—McDowell County  
Upper Kanawha Valley EC
- Wisconsin*  
Milwaukee EC  
Northwoods Nijjii EC

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4434-N-03]

**Public Housing Rent Policies; Guidance Pending Publication of Final Rule on Admissions and Occupancy Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Guidance.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides guidance on certain admissions and occupancy requirements for those public housing agencies that must implement changes in the United States Housing Act of 1937 regarding rents that are effective October 1, 1999.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 6, 1999.

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Washington, DC, 20410; telephone (202) 708-0744, or the Public and Indian Housing Resource Center at 1-800-955-2232. (With the exception of the telephone number for the PIH Resource Center, these are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 18, 1999 (64 FR 8192), HUD published a Notice of Initial Guidance on the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub.L. 105-276, 112 Stat. 2461, approved October 21, 1998) (the "Public Housing Reform Act"). The Public Housing Reform Act makes significant changes to the rents charged for public housing units (see sections 508 and 523 of the statute). These changes are the subject of HUD's rulemaking on "Changes to Admission and Occupancy Requirements in Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance Programs." HUD's proposed rule on this subject was published on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23460), and the 60-day public comment period on this rule closed on June 29, 1999. Certain provisions of the Public Housing Reform Act are effective October 1, 1999, notwithstanding whether HUD has issued rules for effect on these statutory provisions. The statutory provisions that become effective October 1, 1999, include the changes to rents charged for public housing units.

HUD realizes the importance of this April 30, 1999 rule to public housing agencies (PHAs) in setting and describing their rent policies, as required by the PHA plans. HUD is making every effort to complete this rulemaking as quickly as possible, but believes that given the time to carefully review, consider and address the public comments received on the April 30, 1999 proposed rule, the earliest publication date will probably occur near the end of August. HUD recognizes that an end-of-August publication may not provide sufficient time for PHAs to obtain the guidance they need to put these rent provisions into effect for new admissions, re-examinations, and recertifications after October 1, 1999. Therefore, HUD is issuing this guidance now on rent determinations.

##### Guidance on Rent Provisions

1. As indicated in HUD's Notice of Initial Guidance, published February 18, 1999, the new rent provisions are effective for families as they are

admitted, re-examined or recertified, on or after October 1, 1999.

2. In determining annual income and adjusted income (e.g., required earned income disallowance or the alternative individual savings account, exclusions versus deductions, permissive deductions) for such families, §§ 5.603, 5.611, 5.612 and 5.614(a)(2) and the corresponding sections of the preamble to the April 30, 1999 proposed rule serve as guidance for these determinations, with the exception of earned income of minors. PHAs must take all necessary steps to ensure that families eligible for new mandatory deductions receive those deductions.

3. For addressing earned income of minors, the existing regulations which exclude earned income of minors from the definition of income (24 CFR 5.609(c)(1)) serve as the appropriate guidance.

4. For choice of rents (flat rents, income-based rents), § 5.614 and the corresponding section of the preamble to the April 30, 1999 proposed rule serve as guidance for choice of rent requirements. As further clarification, the market value of a unit on which flat rents are based must be a rent which would allow the unit to be successfully rented if the development were not public housing (neither lower nor higher). In addition to the documentation required by the April 30, 1999 proposed rule, regarding the calculation and establishment of flat rents, PHAs should keep records documenting specific offers to families of the dollar amounts of tenant rent under each option.

PHAs that follow this guidance will not be penalized for any changes made by HUD to the proposed rule provisions at the final rule stage. If changes are made at the final rule stage to these provisions, the final rule will provide adequate time for PHAs to adjust their policies.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

**Deborah Vincent,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain

activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

#### Permit No. TE-014110-0

**Applicant:** The University of Texas-Pan American, Coastal Studies Lab, South Padre Island, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct specific activities for the Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in various locations on the Texas Gulf coast.

#### Permit No. TE-14168

**Applicant:** Peter Sprouse, Austin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*), Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*), Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*), Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*), Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle (*Texamaurops reddelli*), Coffin Cave mold beetle (*Batrissodes texanus*), Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion (*Tartarocreagris texana*), in Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas.

#### Permit No. TE-824714

**Applicant:** Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, Farmington, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico.

#### Permit No. TE-798998

**Applicant:** Horizon Environmental Services, Inc., Austin, Texas

Applicant requests authorization for scientific research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following federally listed species in Texas:

Black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)  
Golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)  
Tooth Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta myopica*)  
Bee Creek Cave harvestman (*Texella reddelli*)  
Bone Cave harvestman (*Texella reyesi*)  
Tooth Cave ground beetle (*Rhadine persephone*)