

construction contract, hour per response, 2,694 total burden hours.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Extension.

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

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Michael Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-73]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request HOME Program Competitive Reallocation of Funds; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail: Lauren.Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov; fax: (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail: Wayne_Eddins@HUD.Gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection for selecting applicants for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Competitive Reallocation of funds to provide Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless. Section 92.452 of HOME Program regulations states that HUD will reallocate any community housing development organization (CHDO) funds reduced or recaptured by HUD from a participating jurisdiction's HOME Investment Trust Fund by competition, in accordance with criteria in Section 92.453, to other participating jurisdictions for affordable housing developed, sponsored, or owned by (CHDOs).

This 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: HOME Program Competitive Reallocation of Funds

Description of Information Collection: This is a new information collection. The competitive reallocation of funds to provide permanent housing for the chronically homeless will be announced in a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). These grants are to fund acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing, to be occupied by persons meeting the definition of chronically homeless at the time they are selected as tenants.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: HUD-424, HUD-2880 and HUD-2993.

Members of Affected Public: State and local government.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 4,000, number of respondents is 100,

frequency of response is one time, and the total hours per respondent is 40.

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

Dated: September 15, 2003.

Donna Eden,

Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Investment, Strategy, Policy, and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-45]

Consolidated Redelelegation of Authority for Office of Public and Indian Housing

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

ACTION: Notice of supersedure and redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This notice supersedes the redelegation of authority pertaining to the Office of Public and Indian Housing published October 7, 1994.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Dalzell, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4228 Washington, DC 20410-5000, telephone (202) 708-0440. (This is not a toll-free number.) Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice supersedes the redelegation of authority published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1994 (59 FR 51200), and provides guidance to staff concerning their specific functions and responsibilities under the programs for which all powers and authorities are redelegated through this notice.

The notice of redelegated authority supersedes the October 7, 1994 (59 FR 51200) notice that redelegated to the Office of Public Housing Hub Directors, all powers and authorities necessary to administer Public and Indian Housing (PIH) programs including, but not limited to the powers and authorities needed to perform the functions enumerated in this notice, except for those authorities which are specifically excepted from this redelegation of authority.

Subject to the restrictions of this notice, the Hub Office of Public Housing Directors may further redelegate their

authority to Program Center Coordinators, Hub Deputy Directors and Division Directors of Public Housing in HUD field offices as determined appropriate to efficiently manage office operations.

Section A. Authority Superseded

The redelegation of authority contained within the revocation and redelegation of authority published on October 7, 1994 (59 FR 51200), is superseded by and replaced with this redelegation of authority.

Section B. Authority Redelegated for Management and Operation of PIH Programs

The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing redelegates to the Public Housing Hub Directors, all powers and authorities necessary to administer PIH programs, including but not limited to those needed to perform the functions enumerated, except for the authority specifically excepted in this notice. In accordance with a written delegation of authority, Hub Office of Public Housing Directors may further redelegate their authority to Program Center Coordinators, Hub Deputy Directors and to all other ranking program officials on site or out-stationed. This general and specific program authority may be further redelegated, as appropriate, by Hub Office Directors, Program Center Coordinators, Hub Deputy Directors and all other ranking program officials on site or out-stationed, in accordance with a written redelegation of authority.

Section C. Authority for General Management Excepted

The authority redelegated under Section B does not include:

1. The authority to issue or waive regulations;
2. The authority to sue and be sued;
3. The authority to effect remedies for noncompliance requiring notice and opportunity for administrative hearing;
4. Initial allocation of funds and reallocation of funding among field offices;
5. Preparing the departmental budget and legislative proposals for consideration by Congress;
6. Waiving provisions of the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC), except as expressly provided by regulation, notice or other directive;
7. Waiving provisions and instructions of PIH directives relating to the obligation and payment of operating subsidies;
8. Issuance of program regulations, Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), handbooks, notices and other

HUD issuances relating to PIH program administration;

9. Determining substantial breach or default of the ACC;

10. Declaring breach or default in response to any violation of statute regulations or the ACC, and in taking possession or title of properties of the PHA;

11. Soliciting competitive proposals from other PHAs and private management companies for managing all or part of the public housing administered by the PHA.

Section D. Authority Redelegated for Program-Specific Functions

In addition to the general redelegations listed in Section B, and subject to the excepted authority in Section C., the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing redelegates authority for administration of programs under the following statutory authorities:

1. Public Housing Development under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 *et seq.*), and implementing regulations;
2. Public Housing Operating Subsidy under Section 9, U.S. Housing Act of 1937, (42 U.S.C.1437g) and related implementing regulations;
3. Public Housing Modernization; Capital Program and related implementing regulations;
4. Section 8 Rental Voucher Program under Section 8(o), U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o));
5. Section 8 Rental Certificate Program under Section 8, U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) and related implementing regulations;
6. Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program under Section 8, U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), except for Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program, and related implementing regulations;
7. All sub-components of these programs such as, but not limited to Family Self-Sufficiency, Family Unification, HOPE for Elderly Independence and Service Coordinators, HUD-Veterans Administration Supportive Housing, and Moving to Opportunity;
8. Public Housing Energy Performance Contracting and Energy Efficiency Initiatives and related implementing regulations; and
9. Public Housing and Moderate Rehabilitation Admissions and Occupancy and related implementing regulations.

Section E. Specific Program Authority Excepted

The authority redelegated under Section D. does not include:

1. The authority to score PHAs under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) and their respective implementing regulations, approving Demolition and Disposition of Public Housing (except the authority granted to the Director of the Special Applications Center as noted in Section F).

2. The authority to approve special rent adjustments;

3. The authority to conduct tax credit (subsidy layering) reviews;

4. The authority to approve PHA requests for exception rents;

5. The authority to approve grant extension requests for the following resident empowerment programs except for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program, or except as may be otherwise noted:

5a. Public and Indian Resident Empowerment Programs, including: Tenant Opportunity Program; Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program (including PHDEP New Approach, Technical Assistance and Youth Sports); Service Coordinators in Public Housing; Public and Indian Family Investment Centers; Public and Indian Housing Youth Family Investment Centers; Public Housing Youth Apprenticeship Program; Public and Indian Housing Economic Development and Supportive Services Program; and

5b. Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere (HOPE I); Section 5(h) Homeownership Program (Section 5(h) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c(h)); Turnkey III Homeownership Program, including: Turnkey III Debt Forgiveness, and Turnkey III Return to Rental; and HOPE VI. All authority for the HOPE VI program remains under the purview of Headquarters except for those activities and functions specifically delegated by formal memorandum to individual field offices.

Section F. Authority Redelegated to the Director of the Special Applications Center

The Assistant Secretary for PIH redelegates authority to the Director of the Special Applications Center except for those authorities specifically excepted in Sections C. and E., as follows:

The Director of SAC may exercise the authority to disapprove an application for demolition or disposition or an agreement for the taking of public housing property in eminent domain proceedings on the ground that the application or agreement is prohibited by or inconsistent with applicable

Federal law only with the concurrence of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing or the Assistant Secretary's designee.

Authority: Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: September 9, 2003.

Michael Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-1430-ET; COC-59980]

Public Land Order No. 7582; Withdrawal of Public Land and Reserved Federal Mineral Interest for the Rio Blanco Project Site, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 200 acres of public land from surface entry and mining and 160 acres of reserved Federal mineral interest from mining, for the Department of Energy for a 50-year period to protect the public from subsurface contamination at the Rio Blanco Project Site.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 18, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land will remain open to mineral leasing, subject to approval by the Department of Energy.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000)), but not the mineral leasing laws, to protect the public from subsurface contamination at the Department of Energy Rio Blanco Project Site:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 98 W.,
sec. 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 14, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 200 acres in Rio Blanco County.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described reserved Federal mineral interest is withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch 2 (2000)), but not the mineral leasing laws, to protect the public from subsurface contamination at the Department of Energy Rio Blanco Project Site:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 98 W.,
sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 160 acres in Rio Blanco County.

3. The Bureau of Land Management will maintain jurisdiction over surface management of the land described in Paragraph 1.

4. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: September 3, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Delegation to States, State of Alaska

ACTION: Solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: The State of Alaska has requested a delegation of audit and investigation authority from the Minerals Management Service (MMS). This Notice gives the public an opportunity to review and comment on the State's proposal, which is posted on our Web site at http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRNotices.htm.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments and suggestions regarding this proposal to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist by one of the following:

- Regular U.S. mail: Center for Excellence, Minerals Revenue

Management, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; or

- Overnight mail or courier: Attn: Sharron L. Gebhardt, 303-231-3211, Center for Excellence, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service, Building 85, Room A614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; or

- Email: MRM.comments@mms.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Also, please include "Attn: Delegation to States, State of Alaska; Solicitation of Comments" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your Internet message, call the contact person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt at telephone (303) 231.3211, fax (303) 231.3781, email sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov, or P.O. Box 25165, MS320B2, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction: The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands; collect the royalties due; perform audits, inspections, and investigations related to mineral royalties; and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI's Indian trust responsibility.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, and specifically section 205 of FOGRMA, 30 U.S.C. 1735 provide for the delegation of audits, inspections, and investigations to States.

The State of Alaska proposes to conduct audits and investigations for producing Federal oil and gas leases within the State, for producing Federal oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf subject to revenue sharing under 8(g) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1337 (g), and for other producing solid mineral or geothermal Federal leases within the State. The State requests 100 percent funding of the delegated functions for a 3-year period. We anticipate beginning on October 1, 2003, with an option to extend for an additional 3-year period.

Background: The State of Alaska had a cooperative agreement with MMS