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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

24 CFR PART 955

[Docket No. FR-3614-N-02]

RIN 2577-AB40

Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of loan guarantees for Indian Housing Program.

SUMMARY: This notice extends, until the publication of a final rule, the period that the interim rule for the Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing Program will be in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 20, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dominic Nessi, Director, Office of Native American Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, room B-133, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 755-0032; (TDD) (202) 708-0850. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 955.125 of the Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing Program in 24 CFR was added to implement a Department-wide policy for the expiration of interim rules within a set period of time if they are not issued in final form before the end of the period. The rule provides that the expiration period may be extended by notice published in the **Federal Register**. Because the expiration date for the Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing Program interim rule is currently July 31, 1995, and a final rule is not expected before that date, this notice extends the expiration date until the effective date of a final rule, which is anticipated in the near future.

Accordingly, the time period during which the interim rule for the Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing Program at 24 CFR part 955 will be in effect is extended until the effective date of a final rule for the Program.

Dated: July 13, 1995.

Michael B. Janis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

32 CFR Parts 90 and 91

[RINs 0790-AF61 and 0790-AF62]

Revitalizing Base Closure Communities and Community Assistance

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security, DoD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends DoD's Revitalizing Base Closure Communities and Community Assistance regulation, and promulgates guidance required by Title XXIX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, including those provisions required by Section 2903. This rule also establishes policy and procedures, assigns responsibilities, and delegates authority to implement the President's Program to Revitalize Base Closure Communities, July 2, 1993. This document does not include guidance on acquiring property for the cost of environmental cleanup (Section 2908) or on the substantial changes made in the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994. The changes stemming from this Act will be made in an accompanying rule, which will be open for public comment and which will be published by the Departments of Defense and Housing and Urban Development.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries should be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security, Room 1D760, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3300; email:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 6, 1994, the Office of the Secretary of Defense published an Interim Final Rule (59 FR 16123) that changed the process for disposing of real and personal property at closing and realigning military bases. Four

outreach seminars (in Washington, DC, Chicago, Dallas, and San Francisco) and a public hearing (in Washington, D.C.) were held between April 28, 1994, and August 15, 1994, to explain the Interim Final Rule and foster public comments.

On October 26, 1994, the Office of the Secretary of Defense amended the Interim Final Rule (59 FR 53735). That amendment amended the previous guidance on "jobs-centered property disposal", clarified the procedures for applying for an economic development conveyance, and provided guidance for greater flexibility on the compensation to the federal government for real property conveyed under an economic development conveyance.

On October 25, 1994, the Congress enacted the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-421). That Act exempts certain base closure property from the procedures contained in the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301) and creates a new process for the federal government and local communities affected by base closure to address the needs of the homeless. This publication does not provide guidance on the substantial changes made by Public Law 103-421, which will be addressed in a publication of the Departments of Defense and Housing and Urban Development.

Approach

This rule marks another step in the Department of Defense's effort to improve the base closure and reuse process. The rulemaking process was an open one, in which Department personnel sought advice from individuals and organizations involved in the reuse process at a public hearing, at outreach seminars, at conferences, and through written public comments.

In order to encourage the rapid disposal and reuse of base closure property, the Department has been working to improve its process towards one that:

- Is based, to the greatest extent possible, on a comprehensive, community-based planning process;
- Encourages formation of and reliance upon local reuse authorities;
- Is targeted towards community needs generated from the closure of the installation; and,
- Allows for common sense decisions by the implementors.

To achieve these goals, the Department developed regulations and policies around three key themes:

- *Consultation.* The Military Department and the Local Redevelopment Authority should be in