

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-17]

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Policy Development and Research;  
Notice of Proposed Information  
Collection for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Office of Public and Indian  
Housing—HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 comment on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** The due date for comments is: September 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB an information collection package with respect the Corrections and Challenges to the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Allocation. This information collection package submission to OMB for review is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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.

The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Department has requested emergency clearance of the collection of information, as described below, with approval being sought by September 8, 1997:

*Title of Proposal:* Correcting and Challenging Data Used in the Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Allocation.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA or the Act) mandated that funding for Native American housing programs be allocated through use of a block grant formula. The block grant formula, as developed by the NAHASDA negotiated rulemaking committee, uses data from multiple sources, including the 1990 U.S. Census, HUD records, and the Indian Health Service. In developing the formula, the negotiated rulemaking committee recognized that the data available had significant limitations and may be inaccurate for some tribes. As such, the group agreed to include the option that allows tribes to challenge the data. This information request is the guidance to tribes on how they can challenge, or simply make corrections, to the data so that it is fair and equitable for all tribes receiving funds through the formula.

*Members of affected public:* 578 Native American tribes may make corrections or challenge the data.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Tribes will be able to challenge or make corrections to the data at any time. However, the challenge or correction will need to be made by September 15 of the current Fiscal Year to have impact on the next Fiscal Year allocation. The number of hours needed to prepare the information collection, frequency of response, and hours of response will depend on each tribe's specific challenge. The average amount of time to make data corrections will likely be 15 minutes for all 578 tribes. We anticipate only 30 tribes a year challenging the data at an average burden of 150 hours per challenge. In

total, the department expects this request will have a total annual burden reporting burden of 4,643 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

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

Dated: August 28, 1997.

**David S. Crimty,**

*Director, IRM Policy and Management  
Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
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[Docket No. FR-4263-N-19]

**Submission for OMB Review:  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of Administration, HUD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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: October 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval