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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4279-D-01]

Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This notice delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing (PIH) the authority of the Secretary regarding the HOPE VI Program (also referred to as the urban revitalization demonstration program; and the revitalization of severely distressed public housing).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Reardon, Assistant General Counsel, Assisted Housing Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8166, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0470 (this is not a toll-free number.) This number may also be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HOPE VI program is an urban revitalization program involving major reconstruction of severely distressed or obsolete public housing. In order to address the needs of this program, the authority to administer it is being delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the Assistant Secretary for PIH the authority of the Secretary regarding the HOPE VI program, including the signing of grant agreements. The HOPE VI program (also referred to as the urban revitalization demonstration program; and the revitalization of severely distressed public housing) was originally authorized under the 1993 HUD Appropriations Act, Public Law 102-389 (October 6, 1992) and has continued

to be authorized under succeeding appropriations acts for the Department

Section B. Authority Reserved

The authority delegated does not include the authority to sue and be sued.

Section C. Authority To Redelegate

The authority delegated includes the authority to redelegate.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Comment on the Proposal To Develop the "Environmental Hazards Geospatial Data Content Standard" as a Federal Geographic Data Committee Standard

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is soliciting public comments on the proposal to develop a "Environmental Hazards Geospatial Data Content Standard." If the proposal is approved, the standard will be developed following the FGDC standards development and approval process. If the standard is adopted by the FGDC, it must be followed by all Federal agencies collecting environmental hazards geospatial data directly or indirectly, through grants, partnerships, or contracts.

In its assigned Federal leadership in the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that FGDC standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review the proposal and comment on the objectives, scope, approach, usability of the proposed standard; identify existing related standards; and indicate their participating in the development of the standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 3, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: The complete proposal is included in this notice. It is also posted at Internet address: <http://www.fgdc.gov/pub/standards/Hazards/envhzpro.txt>

Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an

electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-hazards@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5x3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete proposal for the Environmental Hazards Geospatial Data Content Standard.

Date of Proposal: May 1997.

Submitting Organization: FGDC Facilities Working Group (FWG).

Point of Contact: Nancy Blyler (202) 761-8893.

Objectives: To develop a nationally focused Environmental Hazards Geospatial Data Content Standard (hereafter called Environmental Hazards Standard) that will establish a consistent approach to sharing information about natural and manmade substances, materials, and conditions that are, or have the potential to be, detrimental to ecosystems on the earth.

Goals: 1. To compile common definitions for environmental hazard data that will facilitate the effective, use, understanding, and automation of geospatial information.

2. To standardize entities, attributes, and domain values that will improve the creation, management and data sharing of environmental hazard data.

3. To resolve discrepancies related to the use of similar terms, thereby minimizing duplication within and among systems.

Scope: The environmental hazards standard will address data concerning the evaluation and investigation of the existence of environmental hazards, monitoring the presence of hazards, preparedness and protection from hazards, and remediation of their effects. This standard will include the management of information about chemical and biological substances, hazardous materials, and physical conditions that affect the earth's ecosystems, including air, soil, and water systems (both surface water and ground water). This standard will not address natural disasters (e.g., volcanoes, earthquakes).

Justification/Benefits: There is no national geospatial data content standard for environmental hazards. A comprehensive data content standard supporting the study, management, and remediation of environmental hazards