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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 203

[Docket No. FR-4251-N-02]

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Withdrawal of Proposed Rule on Suspension of Authority to Insure New FHA Single Family Mortgages on Indian Reservations Pursuant to Section 248 of the National Housing Act

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This notice withdraws a proposed rule that would have suspended the authority of the HUD Secretary to provide FHA insurance pursuant to section 248 of the National Housing Act for mortgage loans made for the financing of single family homes on Indian reservations.

DATES: The proposed rule is withdrawn February 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morris Carter, Office of Insured Single Family Housing, Room 9162, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Telephone: (202) 708-3046. (This is not a toll-free number.) For hearing- and speech-impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 3, 1998, at 63 FR 5660, the Department published for public comment a proposed rule that would amend 24 CFR 203.43h to suspend the FHA Section 248 program for mortgage insurance on Indian reservations. The suspension would be in effect whenever authority is available for HUD to guarantee loans under the Section 184 Indian Housing loan guarantee program.

The public comment period on the proposed rule expired on April 6, 1998. The Department received 34 comments, including 3 comments that had been

submitted before publication of the proposed rule. The commenters were primarily Indian tribes or Indian housing authorities. HUD also received comments from the Native American Indian Housing Council, two State agencies, one Federal agency, a Federal Home Loan Bank, two lenders, and two individuals.

Every commenter opposed the proposed rule and supported continuation of the Section 248 program without suspension. The commenters pointed out several advantages of the Section 248 program over the Section 184 program, including: Section 248 is a permanent program independent of the appropriations process; Section 248 has lower upfront closing costs because no upfront MIP is required for General Insurance Fund programs; and Section 184 cannot be used for refinancing.

Upon consideration of these public comments, HUD has determined to withdraw its proposed rule to suspend the Section 248 program.

Accordingly, the proposed rule to amend 24 CFR 203.43h, published on February 3, 1998, at 63 FR 5660, entitled, *Suspension of Authority to Insure New FHA Single Family Mortgages on Indian Reservations Pursuant to Section 248 of the National Housing Act*, is hereby withdrawn.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

William C. Appgar,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IL175-1b; FRL-6232-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve the remaining portions of a vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the State of Illinois on June 29, 1995, which were conditionally approved by EPA on June 25, 1996. The proposed approval of the conditionally approved portions of the plan is based on the State's June 21, 1997 and December 9, 1998 submittals of additional

documentation addressing the requirements of EPA's conditional approval. This revision provides for the adoption and implementation of an enhanced I/M program in both the Chicago severe ozone nonattainment area and the Metro-East moderate ozone nonattainment area. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving this SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the SIP revision is set forth in the direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective without further notice unless the EPA receives relevant adverse written comment. Should the EPA receive such comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal informing the public that the direct final rule will not take effect and such public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. If no adverse written comments are received, the direct final rule will take effect on the date stated in that document, and no further action will be taken on this proposed rule. The EPA does not plan to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal and USEPA's analysis of it are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francisco Acevedo, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 28, 1999.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.

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