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Dated: December 11, 2003.

John D. Garrity,
Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4456-N-29]

Privacy Act of 1974; Establishment of a New System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notification of the establishment of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provision of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), HUD is giving notice that it proposes to establish a new system of records entitled the "Single Family Neighborhood Watch Early Warning System" (NW). HUD staff and lenders use NW to monitor default and claim rates on FHA insured loans for FHA-approved lenders and FHA programs. The system includes records from individuals who have obtained a mortgage insured under HUD/FHA's single-family mortgage insurance programs. It also includes records from individuals involved in the HUD/FHA single-family loan origination process. Specifically, records contained in the system include borrowers' name, property address, Social Security Number or other identifying numbers. NW is a Web-based query tool that displays summary and loan level origination, default and claim information by originating, sponsoring, principal, and agent lenders for two-year periods by beginning amortization date for FHA insured loans, etc.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This proposal shall become effective without further notice on January 20, 2004, unless comments are received on or before that date which would result in a contrary determination.

Comments Due Date: January 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0050.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title.

Comments submitted by facsimile (Fax) will not be accepted. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Privacy Act Information: Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, Telephone Number (202) 708-2374. For Housing, Single Family Neighborhood Watch Early Warning System information, Phillip Murray, Director, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room B-133, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 708-1515 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Services at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD's Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance (LAPC) is responsible for monitoring FHA approved lenders to ensure that they follow HUD guidelines when they originate, sponsor, and/or service FHA insured loans. In addition, LAPC is responsible for implementing HUD's Credit Watch Termination initiative that allows HUD to terminate the origination approval agreement of lender branches whose default and claim rate exceeds the field offices default and claim rate by 200% or more. HUD staff use NW to target FHA approved lenders for on-site monitoring reviews and to evaluate lender performance relative to HUD's Credit Watch Termination initiative. HUD also uses the Appraiser performance information that is currently only available to HUD staff, to evaluate Appraiser performance.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a; 88 Stat. 1896; 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: December 4, 2003.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Single Family Neighborhood Watch Early Warning System (NW).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The system's databases and coldfusion code are located in Lanham, MD.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who have obtained a mortgage insured under HUD/FHA's single-family mortgage insurance programs. Additionally, individuals involved in the HUD/FHA single-family loan origination process.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records consist of the borrower's name, property address, Social Security Number or other identification number (ID). Also included in the records is originating, sponsoring, holder and servicer lender ID and name, mortgage amount, interest rate, front and back ratios, FHA ADP code, loan purpose, gift source and amount, loan closing and endorsement dates, default status, default reason, default date, post endorsement technical review ratings, underwriter ID and name, appraiser ID and name, HUD indemnification information, and other data fields associated with an FHA Case Number.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Section 203, National Housing Act, Pub. L. 73-479.

PURPOSE(S):

NW enables HUD staff and lenders to monitor the default and claim rates on FHA insured loans for FHA-approved lenders and FHA programs. NW is designed to highlight exceptions—lenders, programs, loan characteristics and geographic areas with unusual originations or high defaults and claims on FHA insured loans. The loan level information is password protected and can only be viewed by HUD staff with a need to know and lenders who were the originator, sponsor, holder, or servicer on the loan.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act other routine uses include:

(a) To FHA approved mortgage institutions to monitor the default and claim rates on FHA insured loans. Mortgage institutions can only view the loan level information where they were the originator, sponsor, holder, or servicer on the loan.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

The NW records are stored on a Sybase 12.5 server HLANUDP001 in the database sfapps and on Sybase IQ server HUDDW database sfdw.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by a manual or computer search on the number of originations, default, and defaults and claims from the Early Warnings menu option, by computer search on the counts in the Loss Mitigation—Current Defaults Reported display from the Servicing menu option, and by accessing the Late Endorsement, Pipeline/Uninsured, the Default Report by Servicer queries. Entering an FHA Case Number from the Case Status Query feature also retrieves case level detail.

SAFEGUARDS:

Automated records are maintained in secured areas. Access is limited to authorized personnel.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Neighborhood Watch retains up to 13 quarter end dates of two years of summary originations data, and three quarter end dates of loan level data.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Quality Assurance Division, HULQ, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

For information, assistance, or inquiry about the existence of records, contact the Privacy Act Officer at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC. Written requests must include the full name, Social Security Number, date of birth, current address, and telephone number of the individual making the request.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Department's rules for contesting the contents of records and appealing initial denials, by the individual concerned, appear in 24 CFR part 16. If additional information or assistance is needed, it may be obtained by contacting: (i) in relation to contesting contents of records, the Privacy Act Officer at the appropriate location. A list of all locations is given in appendix A; (ii) in relation to appeals of initial denials, the HUYD Department Privacy Appeals Officer, Office of General Counsel Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information may be collected from HUD, program participants, and subject individuals.

EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-660-1430-ER-CACA-44491]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C 4321-4347, and title 40 CFR part 1500, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that the draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project is available for public review and comment. This project may involve an amendment to the applicable BLM land use plan: The California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until 90 days have elapsed after publication of a notice of availability of this document, in the **Federal Register**, by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any of several methods. You may mail comments to: James G. Kenna, Field Manager; Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

You may also comment via the Internet to dgomez@ca.blm.gov. Please include in the subject line: "Draft EIS/EIR, Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your Internet message, contact Diane Gomez at (760) 251-4852. You may also hand-deliver comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

Oral comments will be accepted at any of three public meetings to be held during the month of November 2003. These meetings will be held in El Centro, Blythe, and North Palm Springs, California. Notices published in local media will be provided at least 15 days prior to the scheduled public meetings.

Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the first line of the comment should start with the words 'CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED' in uppercase letters in order for BLM to comply with your request. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Comment contents will not be kept confidential. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Gomez at (760) 251-4852 or e-mail: dgomez@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's Proposed Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project is available for review via the Internet at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings>. Electronic (on CD-ROM) and paper copies may also be obtained by contacting Diane Gomez at the aforementioned addresses and phone number.

The IID is proposing to construct a 230 or 500 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line located parallel and adjacent to Interstate Highway 10 between North Palm Springs and Blythe, California, a distance of approximately 118 miles. Four alternatives to the proposed project are being considered in this EIS/EIR. These alternatives are consistent with the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended, with the exception of Alternative B. This alternative is located partially outside of designated utility corridors under the CDCA Plan and would, if selected, require an amendment to this land use plan.

The BLM, together with the IID, have jointly prepared this draft EIS/EIR. The BLM is the lead Federal agency for the preparation of this EIS/EIR in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act