

Dated: July 20, 2004.
Wayne Eddins,
*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
 Office of the Chief Information Officer.*
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-53]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed
 Information Collection to OMB; Exigent
 Health and Safety Deficiency
 Correction Certification**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information
 Officer.
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.

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)
 correct/mitigate exigent health and
 safety (EHS) deficiencies cited in
 property inspections conducted
 pursuant to HUD's Uniform Physical
 Condition Standards inspection
 protocol. Through the web-based
 template, PHAs will electronically
 certify that they have corrected/
 mitigated the EHS deficiencies.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* August 25,
 2004.
ADDRESSES: Interested persons are
 invited to submit comments regarding
 this proposal. Comments should refer to
 the proposal by name and/or OMB
 approval Number (2577-NEW) and
 should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer,
 Office of Management and Budget, New
 Executive Office Building, Washington,
 DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Wayne Eddins, Reports Management
 Officer, AYO, Department of Housing
 and Urban Development, 451 Seventh
 Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-
 mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov;
 telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a
 toll-free number. Copies of available
 documents submitted to OMB may be
 obtained from Mr. Eddins and at HUD's
 Web site at [http://www5.hud.gov:63001/
 po/i/ibts/collectionsearch.cfm](http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/ibts/collectionsearch.cfm).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This
 Notice informs the public that the U.S.
 Department of Housing and Urban
 Development (HUD) has submitted to
 OMB, for emergency processing, a
 survey instrument to obtain information
 from faith based and community
 organizations on their likelihood and
 success at applying for various funding
 programs. This Notice is soliciting
 comments from members of the public
 and affecting 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.

*This Notice also lists the following
 information:*

Title of Proposal: Exigent Health and
 Safety Deficiency Correction
 Certification.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-NEW.
Form Numbers: None.

*Description of the Need for the
 Information and its Proposed Use:*
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 correct/mitigate exigent health and
 safety (EHS) deficiencies cited in
 property inspections conducted
 pursuant to HUD's Uniform Physical
 Condition Standards inspection
 protocol. Through the web-based
 template, PHAs will electronically
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 mitigated the EHS deficiencies.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
<i>Reporting Burden</i>	2,061	1		0.3		647

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 647.
Status: New collection.
Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork
 Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as
 amended.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

**Proposed Programmatic Statewide
 Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Safe
 Harbor Agreement, Louisiana**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice of permit application.
SUMMARY: This notice advises the public
 that the Louisiana Department of
 Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF or
 Applicant) has applied to the Fish and
 Wildlife Service (Service) for an
 enhancement of survival permit
 pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the
 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
 amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).
 The permit application includes a
 proposed Safe Harbor Agreement
 (Agreement) for the endangered red-
 cockaded woodpecker, (*Picoides
 borealis*) (RCW), for a period of 99 years.
 If approved, the Agreement would allow
 the Applicant to issue Certificates of
 Inclusion (CI) throughout the State of
 Louisiana to eligible non-Federal
 landowners that complete an approved
 Safe Harbor Management Agreement
 (SHMA).

We announce the opening of a 30-day
 comment period and request comments
 from the public on the Applicant's
 permit application, the accompanying
 proposed Agreement, and the
 supporting Environmental Assessment.
 The Environmental Assessment
 identifies and describes several
 alternatives. All comments received,
 including names and addresses, will
 become part of the official
 administrative record and may be made
 available to the public, subject to the
 requirements of the Privacy Act and
 Freedom of Information Act. For further
 information and instructions on
 reviewing and commenting on this
 application, see the **ADDRESSES** section,
 below.

DATES: Written comments should be
 received on or before August 25, 2004.
ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of
 the information available by contacting

the Service's Regional Safe Harbor Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, or Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, 646 Cajundome Boulevard, Suite 400, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. Alternatively, you may set up an appointment to view these documents at either location during normal business hours. Written data or comments should be submitted to the Atlanta, Georgia, Regional Office. Requests for the documentation must be in writing to be processed, and comments must be in writing to be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Gooch, Regional Safe Harbor Program Coordinator at the Service's Southeast Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone (404) 679-7124; or Mr. Troy Mallach, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Lafayette Ecological Services Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** above), telephone (337) 291-3123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating property owners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefitting species listed under the Act. Safe Harbor Agreements encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if their efforts attract listed species to their property or increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

The LDWF's proposed state-wide Agreement is designed to encourage voluntary RCW habitat restoration or enhancement activities by relieving a landowner who enters into a landowner-specific agreement (the SHMA) from any additional responsibility under the Act beyond that which exists at the time he or she enters into the program. The SHMA will identify any existing RCWs and any associated habitat (the baseline) and will describe the actions that the landowner commits to take (e.g., hardwood midstory removal, cavity provisioning, etc.) or allows to be taken to improve RCW habitat on the property, and the time period within which those actions are to be taken and maintained. A participating landowner must maintain the baseline on his/her property (i.e., any existing RCW groups

and/or associated habitat), but may be allowed the opportunity to incidentally take RCWs at some point in the future if above baseline RCWs are attracted to that site by the proactive management measures undertaken by the landowner. It is important to note that the Agreement does not envision, nor will it authorize, incidental taking of any existing RCW group with one exception. This exception is incidental taking related to a baseline shift; in this circumstance the baseline will be maintained but redrawn or shifted on that landowner's property. Among the minimization measures proposed by the Applicant are no incidental take of RCWs during the breeding season, consolidation of small, isolated RCW populations at sites capable of supporting a viable RCW population, and measures to improve current and potential habitat for the species. Further details on the topics described above are found in the aforementioned documents available for review under this notice.

The geographic scope of the Applicant's Agreement is the entire State of Louisiana, but the Agreement would only authorize the future incidental take of above-baseline RCW groups on lands for which a respective CI has been signed. Lands potentially eligible for inclusion include all privately owned lands, state lands, and public lands owned by cities, counties, and municipalities, with potentially suitable RCW habitat in Louisiana.

We have evaluated several alternatives to the proposed action and these are described at length in the accompanying Environmental Assessment. The alternative of our paying landowners for desired management practices is not being pursued because we are presently unable to fund such a program. An alternative by which interested private or non-Federal property owners would prepare an individual permit application/Agreement with us also was evaluated. Under that alternative, we would process each permit application/Agreement individually. This would increase the effort, cost, and amount of time it would take to provide safe harbor assurances to participating landowners and then such benefits would be applied on a piece-meal, individual basis. We have determined the previously identified alternatives, which would result in delays and lack of a coordinated effort, would likely result in a continued decline of the RCWs on private lands due to habitat fragmentation, lack of beneficial habitat management, and the effects of demographic isolation. A no action alternative was also explored, but this

alternative is not likely to increase the number of RCW groups or RCW habitat, nor would it alleviate landowner conflicts. Instead, the action proposed here, although it authorizes future incidental take, is expected to attract sufficient interest among Louisiana landowners to generate substantial net conservation benefits to the RCW on a landscape level. The Applicant's Agreement was developed in an adaptive management framework to allow changes in the program based on new scientific information including, but not limited to, biological needs and management actions proven to benefit the species or its habitat.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the proposed Agreement, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations have been met. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the Applicant in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing permit. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: June 22, 2004.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Atxam Corporation. The lands, containing approximately 13,866 acres, are located in Seward Meridian, in the