Dated: August 24, 2006.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Great Lakes Ballast Water Conference and Regional Waterways Management Forum

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of conference and meeting.

SUMMARY: The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum will sponsor a conference on ballast water issues on September 27, 2006, and will hold a meeting the following day to address waterways management issues in the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The conference and meeting are open to the public, but registration is required for the conference due to limited seating.

DATES: The Great Lakes Ballast Water Conference will be held September 27, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Forum will meet September 28, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Both the conference and meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 777 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Registration information for the conference should be mailed to Commander (dpw–1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199, or faxed to 216–902–6059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions regarding this notice, call LT Regan Blomshield (dpw–1), Ninth Coast Guard District, telephone (216) 902–6050. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance to attend the conference or meeting should call LT Blomshield. To view the latest, detailed agenda for both the Ballast Water Conference and the Regional Waterways Management Forum, visit the USCG Web site: *http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/estandards.htm.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Registration and Participation:* Registration for the conference is required due to limited seating. To register, please mail or fax your name, position title, organization, address, phone and e-mail on an 8.5 x 11 inch piece of paper with a subject line ''Conference Registration'' to Commander (dpw–1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199. Registration may be faxed to 216–902–6059.

The public will have an opportunity to address the Forum members at the meeting on September 28. If you wish to be included in the Forum agenda, you must submit your request on or before September 18, 2006 to be considered. Any written comments or requests should be submitted to Commander (dpw–1), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th Street, Room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199. Requests may be faxed to 216–902–6059 with the subject line: GL Waterways Forum. There is no guarantee that all requests will be included in the agenda.

Conference and Forum Meeting: The Great Lakes Waterways Management Forum is composed of senior leadership from U.S. and Canadian government agencies, the marine transportation industry, and non-government organizations. The Forum meets twice a year to identify and improve waterways management issues that involve the Great Lakes region. The 1-day conference is dedicated to the Great Lakes Ballast Water Conference, ''Targeting Ballast Water Technology.'' The Ballast Water Conference will include speakers from industry, government and non-government organizations. Speakers will address the current development of ballast water treatment research, technology and protocol standards for preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species into the Great Lakes.

The Forum meeting on September 28 will highlight current efforts of the Committee on Advanced Technology for Navigation Safety, including industry and government speakers on developing navigation technology, Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), and Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS). The Forum will also provide updates from the Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA and the Army Corps of Engineers on regional projects and operations.

Dated: August 23, 2006.

John E. Crowley, Jr.,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5044–N–15]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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 30, 2006.

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: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410–5000; e-mail *Aneita_L._Waites@HUD.gov.* This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents may be obtained from Ms. Waites.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aneita Waites, (202) 708–0713, extension 4114, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). 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.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP).

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0215.

Form Numbers: HUD–42648.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: HUD will use public housing agency annual SEMAP certificates to rate and assess PHA management capabilities and deficiencies in key program areas. PHAs designated as troubled must implement plans for improvements.

Members of the Affected Public: Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	2,565		1		13.5		34,720

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 34,720.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: August 24, 2006.

Merrie Nichols-Dixon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4883–N–03]

HUD Multifamily Rental Project and Health Care Facility Closing Documents; Status on Finalizing Closing Documents and Announcement of Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice responds to recent inquiries to the Department about the status of HUD's update of a comprehensive set of closing forms and documents for use in the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) multifamily rental project and health care facility (excluding hospitals) mortgage insurance programs. On August 2, 2004, HUD issued for review and public comment 36 proposed revised closing forms. The public comment period closed on October 1, 2004, and HUD received submissions from 25 commenters. This notice advises the housing industry and interested members of the public that these documents remain in development and are not ready for issuance.

Although the closing documents remain in development, HUD understands the interest and concern of industry and other interested members of the public regarding the timetable for release of these documents in final form by HUD and the effective date of such forms. To address the interest and concerns regarding the status of development, this notice describes policy decisions that have been made on the closing documents, and the processes, which these documents must still undergo before final issuance. In addition to this notice, HUD will conduct a meeting, on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at HUD Headquarters, to address questions about the decisions that have been made and the processes that these documents must undergo before final issuance. HUD is inviting to this meeting, the 25 commenters, and, subject to room capacity limitations, other interested members of the public. HUD also will make phone lines available to expand the capacity of the members of the public that may participate in this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is *not* for the purpose of reopening the public comment period on the closing documents. HUD will not accept new comments at the meeting, either orally or in writing, nor will HUD engage in a discussion of issues still under consideration. The purpose of the meeting is solely to brief the commenters and interested members of the public on the status of development of the revised closing forms. HUD believes that a briefing on the process of development of the forms will assist all interested parties in understanding the stages of review these forms must undergo prior to issuance. HUD intends to finalize and then implement the revised closing forms in calendar year 2007.

DATES: HUD will conduct the Closing Documents meeting on September 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The Closing Documents meeting will be held at 2 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 21, 2006, at HUD Headquarters for which the address is the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Members of the public who are interested in attending this meeting in person or participating by phone should submit a request to HUD at the following e-mail address: *FHAClosingDocsMeeting@hud.gov.*

HUD will strive to honor requests on a first-come first-serve basis. However, HUD is also interested in ensuring that participation in this meeting, whether in person or by phone, reflects fair representation of the various sectors of the industry that will be affected by these closing documents. HUD therefore asks that parties submitting requests to participate in this meeting identify the basis for their interest in these closing documents.

Those who are confirmed to participate in this meeting, either in person or by phone, will receive additional information from HUD on how to participate in the meeting. Visitors attending the meeting will need to adhere to the security procedures of the HUD building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles H. (''Hank'') Williams, Office of Housing, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6106, Washington, DC 20410–0500; telephone (202) 708–2495 (this is not a toll-free number); John J. Daly, Associate General Counsel for Insured Housing, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 9226, Washington, DC 20410–0500; telephone (202) 708–1274 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

To Request Participation in the Meeting: A request to participate in the