

Background

On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 2732) final guidance to help recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to meet their regulatory and statutory obligations to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to LEP programs and activities. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulations, recipients of federal financial assistance have a responsibility to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities by LEP persons.

The January 22, 2007, LEP Final Guidance was preceded by proposed guidance published on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70968) for which HUD solicited public comment. The LEP Final Guidance takes into consideration the public comments received on the December 19, 2003, proposed guidance. There are no significant changes between the proposed guidance and the final guidance. However, for purposes of clarification, several minor changes were made in Appendix A, and a new Appendix B has been added to the Guidance. Appendix B, "Questions and Answers (Q&A)," responds to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to providing meaningful access to LEP persons. HUD's LEP Final Guidance can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm>.

February 28, 2007 Meeting

HUD will hold a meeting on the guidance on February 28, 2007, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., at HUD Headquarters. Interested members of the public were earlier invited to attend this meeting, originally scheduled for February 13, 2007, by notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2007 (72 FR 3404). HUD is no longer soliciting participation in this meeting. Interested parties who contacted HUD by the response deadline of February 9, 2007, have received notification of confirmation to participate in the meeting.

Dated: February 12, 2007.

Kim Kendrick,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4878-N-04]

Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons: Change in Effective Date of Final Guidance

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice: Change in Effective Date of Final Guidance.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, HUD advises members of the public that its final "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient (LEP) Persons," as required by Executive Order (EO) 13166, published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2007, and scheduled to become effective on February 21, 2007, will now become effective on March 7, 2007.

HUD is moving the effective date to March 7, 2007, in order to allow HUD the opportunity to brief interested members of the public on the guidance before it takes effect. A meeting for this purpose originally scheduled to be held at HUD Headquarters on February 13, 2007, had to be rescheduled for February 28, 2007. Please see notice published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. Therefore, HUD is moving the effective date of the final guidance to March 7, 2007.

DATES: Effective Date: March 7, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela D. Walsh, Director, Program Standards and Compliance Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5226, Washington DC 20410, *telephone:* (202) 402-2288 (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 Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 2732) final guidance to help recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to meet their regulatory and statutory obligations to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to LEP programs and activities (LEP Final Guidance). Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its

implementing regulations, recipients of federal financial assistance have a responsibility to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities by LEP persons. HUD's LEP Final Guidance can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm>. This guidance was scheduled to become effective on February 21, 2007.

In order to allow HUD to brief interested members of the public and affected parties, HUD is moving the effective date to March 7, 2007. HUD's briefing was originally scheduled for February 13, 2007, and has been rescheduled. Please see rescheduled meeting notice published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 12, 2007.

Kim Kendrick,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by March 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director, Fisheries-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. 552A] and Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. 552], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival