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Affected Public: Individual and household residents.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One-time collection.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 1000 private well owners in East Central Massachusetts.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 800.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 133 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: In the August 27, 2008 FR Notice (73 FR 50641) we estimated that the time to take the survey and collect the water sample would be 30 minutes. Based on peer-reviewer comments we have revised the estimated burden for this collection to be approximately 5 minutes to take the survey and 5 minutes to locate and collect the water needed for the sample. The total estimate is now 10 minutes per response.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Phadrea D. Ponds 970-226-9445.

Dated: December 3, 2008.

Peter K. Weiskel,

Associate Director, USGS Massachusetts-Rhode Island Water Science Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Renewal of Information Collection for Tribal Self-Governance, 25 CFR Part 1000

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed renewal of information collection.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments from the public on a renewal of an information collection from Indian tribes participating in and Indian tribes seeking to participate in the Tribal Self-Governance, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The information collected under OMB Clearance Number, 1076-0143, will be used to meet reporting requirements of the Tribal Self-Governance Act and implement requirements for entry into a pool of qualified applicants to be selected to begin participation in Tribal Self-Governance. The information collection requirements are periodically reviewed because the number of Indian tribes participating in Tribal Self-Governance increases over time and the number of Indian tribes requesting to be selected to begin participation in Tribal Self-Governance may vary over time. This action is being taken to make sure that the requirements are not burdensome.

DATE: Submit comments on or before March 10, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 355-G-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request further information or obtain copies of the proposed information collection request from Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance, Telephone 202-208-5734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The collection is required by 25 U.S.C. 458dd, which requires the Secretary of the Interior to submit a written report to Congress regarding the administration of Title IV, Tribal Self-Governance, under Public Law 93-638, as amended. The report is required to: (1) Identify the relative costs and benefits of Self-

Governance; (2) identify, with particularity, all funds that are specifically or functionally related to the provision by the Secretary of services and benefits to Self-Governance tribes and their members; (3) identify the funds transferred to each Self-Governance tribe and the corresponding reduction in the Federal bureaucracy; (4) include the separate views of the tribes; and (5) include the funding formula for individual tribal shares of Central Office funds, together with the comments of affected Indian tribes. Respondents are asked to respond to the annual request for information in 90 days.

In addition, the collection is required for tribes who request to be placed in a pool of qualified applicants and selected to participate in Tribal Self-Governance under 25 U.S.C. 458bb. The Act authorizes the Director, Office of Self-Governance to select up to 50 new tribes per year from an applicant pool to participate in Tribal Self-Governance. The qualified applicant pool consists of each tribe that: (1) Successfully completes a planning phase; (2) has requested participation in Tribal Self-Governance by resolution or other official action by the tribal governing body; and (3) has demonstrated, for the previous three fiscal years, financial stability and financial management capability as evidenced by the tribe having no material audit exceptions in the required annual audit of the self-determination contracts of the tribe.

Request for Comments: The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 355-G, during the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m., EST Monday through Friday

except for legal holidays. Please note that all comments received will be available for public review for 2 weeks after comment period closes. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0143.

Type of review: Renewal.

Title: Tribal Self-Governance Program, 25 CFR Part 1000.

Brief Description of Collection: The collection involves a voluntary submission by respondents and is intended to inform Congress of activities undertaken under Tribal Self-Governance. It also involves a mandatory submission by respondents who request to be selected to begin participation in Tribal Self-Governance.

Respondents: Tribes and tribal consortia wishing to enter into a self-governance compact and funding agreement.

Number of Respondents: 106.

Estimated Time per Response: 42 Hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 11,202.

Dated: December 17, 2008.

Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia,

Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications To Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2010 or Calendar Year 2010

AGENCY: Office of Self-Governance, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application deadline.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 2, 2009, deadline for Indian tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2010 or calendar year 2010.

DATES: Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 355-G-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance, Telephone 202-208-5734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-413), as amended by the Fiscal Year 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-208), the Director, Office of Self-Governance may select up to 50 additional participating tribes/consortia per year for the tribal self-governance program, and negotiate and enter into a written funding agreement with each participating tribe. The Act mandates that the Secretary submit copies of the funding agreements at least 90 days before the proposed effective date to the appropriate committees of the Congress and to each tribe that is served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency that is serving the tribe that is a party to the funding agreement. Initial negotiations with a tribe/consortium located in a region and/or agency which has not previously been involved with self-governance negotiations, will take approximately 2 months from start to finish. Agreements for an October 1 to September 30 funding year need to be signed and submitted by July 1. Agreements for a January 1 to December 31 funding year need to be signed and submitted by October 1.

Purpose of Notice

25 CFR parts 1000.10 to 1000.31 will be used to govern the application and selection process for tribes/consortia to begin their participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2010 and calendar year 2010. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in these subparts in preparing their applications. Copies of these subparts may be obtained from the information contact person identified in this notice.

Tribes/consortia wishing to be considered for participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2010 or calendar year 2010 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are: (1) Currently involved in negotiations with the Department; (2) one of the 96 tribal entities with signed agreements; or (3) one of the tribal entities already

included in the applicant pool as of the date of this notice.

Dated: December 24, 2008.

George T. Skibene,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency Determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 22.00 acres of land into trust for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington on December 12, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1. The duties of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs were delegated to the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development on May 23, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On December 12, 2008, the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development decided to accept approximately 22.00 acres of land into trust for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 22.00 acres are located within the exterior boundaries of the Muckleshoot Indian