

and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

No comments were received in response to the 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 22, 2010 (75 FR 80542).

Below we provide OD's projected average estimates for the next three years:

*Current Actions:* New collection of information.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households, businesses and organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Average Expected Annual Number of Activities:* 30.

*Respondents:* 253,000.

*Annual Responses:* 253,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per request.

*Average Minutes per Response:* 10.

*Burden Hours:* 49,358.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

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**Mikia P. Currie,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Laboratory Animal Welfare: Adoption and Implementation of the Eighth Edition of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has analyzed public comments received regarding adoption and implementation of the 8th Edition of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)* and has determined to adopt the 8th Edition of the *Guide*. (The comments, received by NIH from February 24 to May 24, 2011, may be viewed at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011guidecomments/web\\_listing.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011guidecomments/web_listing.htm).) In NIH's judgment, the 8th Edition of the *Guide* empowers continued advancement in the humane care and use of vertebrate animals in research, research training, and biological testing.

Effective January 1, 2012, institutions that receive Public Health Service (PHS) support for animal activities must base their animal care and use programs on the 8th Edition of the *Guide* and must complete at least one semiannual program review and facilities inspection using the 8th Edition of the *Guide* as the basis for evaluation by December 31, 2012. It is not required that all necessary changes be completed by December 31, 2012, but rather that an evaluation must be conducted and a plan and schedule for implementation of the standards in the 8th Edition of the *Guide* must be

developed by December 31, 2012. Institutions must verify to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), the organizational component of NIH that provides guidance and interpretation of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, that they have met the required schedule. This will be done through the Annual Report to OLAW covering the 2012 reporting period due January 31, 2013. In addition, institutions must document the implementation of the 8th Edition of the *Guide* in their next Animal Welfare Assurance renewal.

OLAW has developed Position Statements located at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011positionstatement.htm>. The Position Statements clarify the ways in which NIH expects Assured institutions to implement the 8th Edition of the *Guide* by addressing the following concerns: cost of implementing the 8th Edition of the *Guide*; animal housing specifications; use of nonpharmaceutical-grade compounds; food and fluid restrictions; multiple surgical procedures; and application of the 8th Edition of the *Guide* to agricultural animals used in biomedical research. In addition, there is a summary of OLAW's position on performance standards and practice standards. The public is invited to submit comments on their understanding of the Position Statements for a period of 60 days from December 1, 2011, to January 29, 2012. In response, OLAW may further clarify the Position Statements.

**DATES:** Written comments on the public's understanding of the Position Statements must be received by NIH on or before January 29, 2012, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Public comments on the Position Statements may be entered at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011positionstatement.htm>. Comments will be made publicly available. Personally identifiable information (except organizational affiliations) will be removed prior to making comments publicly available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, RKL1, Suite 360, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7982; or *telephone:* (301) 496-7163.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Since 1985, the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, authorized by Public Law 99-

158, 42 U.S.C. 289d, and incorporated by reference at 42 CFR 52.8 and 42 CFR 52a.8, has required that institutions receiving PHS support for animal activities base their animal care and use programs on the current edition of the *Guide*. Since 1996, programs have been based on the 7th Edition of the *Guide*. The 8th Edition of the *Guide* was published in January 2011, following a study by the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research of the National Academy of Sciences. The 8th Edition of the *Guide* contains substantive changes and additions from the previous edition. To gain insight from institutions on the impact of changes to the *Guide* on their animal care and use programs, NIH sought comments on whether it should adopt the 8th Edition of the *Guide* and on the proposed implementation plan. On February 24, 2011, NIH issued a **Federal Register Notice** (see <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-4172.pdf>) requesting public comments on (1) NIH's adoption of the 8th Edition of the *Guide* as a basis for evaluating institutional programs receiving or proposing to receive PHS support for activities involving animals and (2) NIH's proposed implementation plan (if NIH decided to adopt the 8th Edition of the *Guide*). The original implementation plan proposed that institutions complete at least one semiannual program and facility evaluation using the 8th Edition of the *Guide* as the basis for evaluation by March 31, 2011.

Comments were collected via the Internet through a Web link available in the **Federal Register** and on the OLAW Web site, where respondents could also access both the 7th and 8th Editions of the *Guide*. The original comment period was scheduled from February 24, 2011, to March 24, 2011. This comment period was extended twice, on March 18 and April 21. Ultimately, the comment period spanned 90 days, closing on May 24, 2011. In addition to the time extension, the NIH removed the original 6,000-character limit on the comment form fields in the April 21 extension to maximize the opportunity for individuals and organizations to provide comments to NIH. A total of 806 responses were submitted by Assured institutions, professional organizations, animal advocacy organizations, and individuals. The comments and an analysis may be viewed at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011guidecomments/web\\_listing.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011guidecomments/web_listing.htm).

## II. Electronic Access

The 8th Edition of the *Guide* is available on the OLAW Web site at <http://olaw.nih.gov>.

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**Francis S. Collins,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5410-N-02]

### Federal Housing Administration (FHA) First Look Sales Method Under the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) Technical Assistance: Availability of Universal Name and Address Identification Number (NAID)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On July 15, 2010, HUD published a **Federal Register** notice establishing the process by which eligible purchasers under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) are provided a preference to acquire real estate-owned (REO) properties of FHA under the temporary First Look Sales Method. The July 15, 2010, notice requires that eligible NSP purchasers obtain a HUD-issued Name and Address Identification Number (NAID) to participate in the First Look Sales Method. This notice announces the availability of a universal NAID to aid eligible purchasers under the First Look Sales method.

**DATES:** The dates announced in the July 15, 2010, notice are unchanged. The FHA First Look Sales Method shall be in effect through May 31, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivery Himes, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9172, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number (202) 708-1672 (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 Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 15, 2010, at 75 FR 41255, HUD published a **Federal Register** notice establishing the process by which governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and subrecipients participating in the NSP (eligible NSP purchasers) are provided a preference to acquire REO properties under FHA's temporary NSP First Look Sales Method. This temporary REO sales method furthers the goals of both NSP,

to aid in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes, and of HUD's REO sales program, to expand homeownership opportunities and strengthen communities. Through the FHA First Look Sales Method, HUD provides eligible NSP purchasers with a preference (a "first look") to acquire FHA REO properties that are available for purchase within NSP areas. Eligible NSP purchasers may acquire such REO properties with the assistance of NSP funds for any eligible uses under the NSP, including rental or homeownership.

The July 15, 2010, notice provides that governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and subrecipients that have received a HUD-issued NAID are eligible to participate in the First Look Sales Method (see 75 FR 41226, first column). Through this notice, HUD announces that it has issued a universal NAID to the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST). The NCST has entered into a partnership agreement with HUD to facilitate implementation of the First Look Sales Method. The NCST will use the universal NAID to aid eligible NSP purchasers in the purchase of properties under First Look Sales Method. Eligible NSP purchasers will not be charged a fee for use of the universal NAID. Additional information regarding the NCST and its role in implementing the First Look Sales Method can be found on the NCST Web site at: <http://www.stabilizationtrust.com/>

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**Carol J. Galante,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reopening the Comment Period for the Klamath Facilities Removal Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Department of the Interior, are reopening the comment period on the content for the Klamath Facilities Removal Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR). We will accept comments until December 30, 2011.