SUMMARY:
The mission of SOPD is to enhance the resiliency of the Nation by leading the unified public-private sector effort to ensure its assigned critical infrastructure are prepared, secure, and safe from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other incidents. To achieve this mission, SOPD leverages the resources and knowledge of its critical infrastructure sectors to develop and apply security initiatives that result in significant benefits to the Nation.

Each SOPD branch builds sustainable partnerships with its public and private sector stakeholders to enable more effective sector coordination, information sharing, and program development and implementation. These partnerships are sustained through the Sector Partnership Model, described in the NIPP 2013, pages 10–12.

Information sharing is a key component of the NIPP Partnership Model, and DHS-sponsored conferences are one mechanism for information sharing. To facilitate conference planning and organization, SOPD established an event registration tool for use by all of its branches. The information collection is voluntary and is used by the SSAs within SOPD. The six SSAs within SOPD use this information to register public and private sector stakeholders for meetings hosted by the SSA. SOPD will use the information collected to reserve space at a meeting for the registrant, contact the registrant with a reminder about the event, develop meeting materials for attendees, determine key topics of interest, and efficiently generate attendee and speaker nametags. Additionally, it will allow SOPD to have a better understanding of the organizations participating in the critical infrastructure protection partnership events. By understanding who is participating, the SSA can identify portions of a sector that are underrepresented, and the SSA could then target that underrepresented sector element through outreach and awareness initiatives.

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Infrastructure Protection, Sector Outreach and Programs Division.

OMB Number: 1670–0019.
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial government personnel; private sector members.
Number of Respondents: 3,000 respondents (estimate).
Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 minutes.
Total Burden Hours: 150 annual burden hours.
Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.
Total Recordkeeping Burden: $6,000.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): $11,380.

Dated: September 6, 2016.
David Epperson,
Chief Information Officer, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On behalf of DHS, NPPD/IP manages the Department’s program to protect the Nation’s 16 critical infrastructure sectors by implementing the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) 2013 Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience. Under Presidential Policy Directive 21 on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (February 2013), each sector is assigned a Sector Specific Agency (SSA) to oversee Federal interaction with the array of sector security partners, both public and private. SSAs are responsible for leading unified public-private sector efforts to develop, coordinate, and implement a comprehensive physical, human, and cybersecurity strategy for its assigned sector. The SOPD executes the SSA responsibilities for the six critical infrastructure sectors assigned to IP: Chemical; Commercial Facilities; Critical Manufacturing; Dams; Emergency Services; and Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:
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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5946–N–02]

Notice of Regulatory Waiver Requests

Granted for the Second Quarter of Calendar Year 2016

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 106 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (the HUD Reform Act) requires HUD to publish quarterly Federal Register notices of all regulatory waivers that HUD has approved. Each notice covers the quarterly period since the previous Federal Register notice. The purpose of this notice is to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the HUD Reform Act. This notice contains a list of regulatory waivers granted by HUD during the period beginning on April 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about this notice, contact Aaron Santa Anna, Associate General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 10282, Washington, DC 20410–0500, telephone 202–708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by
This notice covers waivers of regulations granted by HUD from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. For ease of reference, the waivers granted by HUD are listed by HUD program office (for example, the Office of Community Planning and Development, the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, the Office of Housing, and the Office of Public and Indian Housing, etc.). Within each program office grouping, the waivers are listed sequentially by the regulatory section of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that is being waived. For example, a waiver of a provision in 24 CFR part 58 would be listed before a waiver of a provision in 24 CFR part 570.

Where more than one regulatory provision is involved in the grant of a particular waiver request, the action is listed under the section number of the first regulatory requirement that appears in 24 CFR and that is being waived. For example, a waiver of both § 58.73 and § 58.74 would appear sequentially in the listing under § 58.73.

Waivers of regulations that involve the same initial regulatory citation are in time sequence beginning with the earliest-dated regulatory waiver.

Should HUD receive additional information about waivers granted during the period covered by this report (the second quarter of calendar year 2016) before the next report is published (the third quarter of calendar year 2016), HUD will include any additional waivers granted for the second quarter in the next report.

Accordingly, information about approved waiver requests pertaining to HUD regulations is provided in the Appendix that follows this notice.

Dated: September 2, 2016.

Tonya T. Robinson,
Principal Deputy General Counsel.

Appendix

Listing of Waivers of Regulatory Requirements Granted by Offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development April 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2016

Note to Reader: More information about the granting of these waivers, including a copy of the waiver request and approval, may be obtained by contacting the person whose name is listed as the contact person directly after each set of regulatory waivers granted. The regulatory waivers granted appear in the following order:

I. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Community Planning and Development
II. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Housing
III. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing

I. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Community Planning and Development

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 58.22(a).
  **Project/Activity:** The Greater Dayton Premier Management Metropolitan Housing Authority (GDPM) and the City of Kettering requested a waiver for the acquisition of 557 Corona Avenue in Kettering, Ohio. The project, funded by HOME will consist of acquisition and rehabilitation of three existing, vacant, and foreclosed buildings, providing 12 additional units of housing.

**Nature of Requirement:** HUD’s regulation at 24 CFR 58.22(a) establishes limitations on activities pending clearance. Under the regulation, neither a recipient nor any participant in the development process, including public or private nonprofit or for-profit entities, or any of their contractors, may commit HUD assistance under a program listed in § 58.1(b) on an activity or project until HUD or the State has approved the recipient’s request for relief of funds (RROF) and the related certification from the responsible entity. In addition, until the RROF and the related certification have been approved, neither a recipient nor any participant in the development process may commit non-HUD funds on or undertake an activity or project under a program listed in § 58.1(b) if the activity or project would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives.

**Granted By:** Harriet Tregoning, Principal Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

**Date Granted:** April 27, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The project will further the HUD mission and will advance HUD program goals to develop viable, quality communities and affordable housing; The Greater Dayton Premier Management Metropolitan Housing Authority (GDPM) and the city unknowingly violated the regulation; no HUD funds were committed; and based on the environmental assessments and the HUD field inspection, granting the waiver will not result in any unmitigated, adverse environmental impact.

**Contact:** Ashley Bechtold, Office of Environment and Energy, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7212, Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 402–6298.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1), and 24 CFR 570.207(b)(3).
  **Project/Activity:** Harris County, TX.

**Nature of Requirement:** The regulations at 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1), and 24 CFR 570.207(b)(3) require a 30-day public comment period prior to the implementation of a substantial amendment, limit the amount of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds used for public services to no more than 15 percent of each grant, and prohibit CDBG funds from being used for the new construction of housing, respectively.

**Contact:** Ashley Bechtold, Office of Environment and Energy, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7212, Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 402–6298.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1), and 24 CFR 570.207(b)(3).
Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Date Granted: June 28, 2016.

Reason Waived: The county was affected by severe flooding April 17–24, 2016, causing substantial damage. A Presidential Declaration Disaster Declaration (FEMA–DR–4269) was issued for multiple counties, including Harris County, on April 25, 2016, which covers severe storms and flooding that occurred for the effective period April 17–24, 2016. The regulation at 24 CFR 92.251(c) requires that participating jurisdictions must perform on-site inspections of HOME-assisted rental housing in accordance with the requirements established in 24 CFR 92.504(d).

Granted By: Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Date Granted: April 20, 2016.

Reason Waived: The Pilot Program’s goal is to eliminate redundant physical inspection requirements when projects are funded by multiple federal housing programs. The lack of alignment increases program administration costs, often without a commensurate improvement in housing quality or program data collection. The elimination of multiple on-site inspections could lower the cost of oversight while maintaining housing quality. Waiver of the HOME property standards requirements at 24 CFR 92.251(c) and the on-site inspections requirements at 24 CFR 92.504(d) facilitates the participation of HOME grantees and HOME-funded rental projects in the 2015 Physical Inspection Alignment Pilot Program. This limited waiver applies only to Pilot Grantees for the period, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and is limited to 18 HOME-funded properties in the 2015 Physical Inspection Alignment Pilot Program.

Contact: Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7164, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–2684.

Regulation: 24 CFR 570.500(a).

Project/Activity: Erie County, NY.

Nature of Requirement: The CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570.500(a) defines program income as any income received by the recipient or a subrecipient directly generated from the use of CDBG funds. Erie County demonstrated how to use CDBG funds to carry out CDBG eligible activities, including, but not limited to, food, health, employment, and case management services to help county residents impacted by the flooding; and use CDBG funds for new housing construction to replace affordable housing units lost as a result of the storms and flooding.

Contact: Stefon Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–4548.

Regulation: 24 CFR 92.251(c)–property standards; 24 CFR 92.504(d)–on-site inspections.

Project/Activity: In order to eliminate the redundant physical inspections required when a property is financed with multiple federal housing programs, HUD has been participating in a Physical Inspection Alignment Working Group. The Working Group, which includes representatives from HUD, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) funded programs, has developed a pilot program designed to align the physical inspection criteria and scheduling for Combined Projects. There are 8 Pilot Grantees (State of Illinois, Commonwealth of Kentucky, State of Louisiana, State of Maryland, State of Minnesota, State of Missouri, State of New Mexico, State of North Carolina) and 38 Pilot Properties in the 2015 Physical Inspection Alignment Pilot Program. These Pilot Properties associated to this waiver are projects funded by the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and one or more of the Combined Funding Programs, which include the Department of Treasury’s low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC), HUDSEction 515 Rural Rental Housing Program, FHA Multifamily Insurance Program, Section 811(Housing for the Disabled), Section 202 Project-Based Rental Housing, and Rental Assistance Demonstration.

Nature of Requirement: The requirement at 24 CFR 92.251(c) requires that HOME-assisted properties must meet HUD’s Housing Quality Standards throughout the period of affordability. The regulation at 24 CFR 92.504(d) requires that participating jurisdictions must perform on-site inspections of HOME-assisted rental housing in accordance with the requirements established in 24 CFR 92.504(d).
under the Flexible Subsidy Program for Troubled Properties, states “Assistance that has been paid to a project owner under this subpart must be repaid at the earlier of the expiration of the term of the mortgage, termination of mortgage insurance, prepayment of the mortgage, or a sale of the project.”

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** April 22, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The owner requested and was granted a waiver of the requirement to repay the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan in full in when it became due. Deferring the loan payment preserves this affordable housing resource for an additional 40 years through the execution and recording of a Rental Use Agreement.

**Contact:** Regina Aleksiewicz, Senior Account Executive, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., 6152, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–2600.

- **Project/Activity:** Clairmont Oaks, FHA Project Number 061–44–027T, Decatur, Georgia. The owner requested a partial deferral of repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan on this project due to their inability to repay the loan in full upon prepayment of the 236 Loan.

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 219.220(b) (1995) governs the repayment of operating assistance provided under the Flexible Subsidy Program for Troubled Projects states “Assistance that has been paid to a project owner under this subpart must be repaid at the earlier of expiration of the term of the mortgage, termination of mortgage insurance, prepayment of the mortgage, or a sale of the project (Transfer of Physical Assets (TPA)) if the Secretary so requires at the time of approval of the TPA.” Either of these actions would typically terminate FHA involvement with the property, and the Flexible Subsidy Loan would be repaid, in whole, at that time.

**Granted By:** Edward Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** June 15, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The owner requested and was granted waiver of the requirement to partially defer repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan to allow the much needed preservation and moderate rehabilitation of the project. The project will be preserved as an affordable housing resource of Decatur, Georgia.

**Contact:** John Ardovini, Restructuring Analyst, Office of Affordable Housing Preservation, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6222, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–3001.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 219.220(b).
- **Project/Activity:** Pine Grove Apartments, FHA Project Number 023–027N, Taunton, Massachusetts. (Owner) requests approval to defer repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan on the subject project.

**Nature of Requirement:** The regulation at 24 CFR 219.220(b) (1995), which governs the repayment of operating assistance provided under the Flexible Subsidy Program for Troubled Properties, states “Assistance that has been paid to a project owner under this subpart must be repaid at the earlier of the expiration of the term of the mortgage, termination of mortgage insurance, prepayment of the mortgage, or a sale of the project.”

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** June 16, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The owner requested and was granted a waiver of the requirement to repay the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan in full when it became due. Deferring the loan payment will preserve this affordable housing resource for an additional 40 years through the execution and recording of a Rental Use Agreement.

**Contact:** Marilynynne Hutchins, Senior Account Executive, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6174, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–432.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 242.72.
- **Project/Activity:** Effingham County Hospital Authority (Effingham), FHA Project Number 061–13004, Springfield, Georgia. Effingham proposed a restructuring where the owner is to lease the hospital facility to a separate operator, Effingham Hospital, Inc. (EHII).

**Nature of Requirement:** The regulation prohibits the leasing of a hospital in its entirety.

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** June 1, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The restructuring took place to comply with Georgia Hospital Authorities Law. The restructuring will permit Effingham to expand both geographically and programatically to respond to challenges and changes in the healthcare delivery system without loss of any revenue sources that support the organization.

**Contact:** Shelley M. McCracken-Rania, Senior Financial Analyst, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 2247, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5366.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 242.72.
- **Project/Activity:** Toombs County Hospital Authority (TCHA), FHA Project Number 061–13002, Vidalia, Georgia. As part of a Section 223(a)(7) application to refinance existing FHA-insured debt for Meadows Regional Medical Center (MRMC), the organization will restructure so that TCHA is the new Borrower and Owner. TCHA will lease the hospital facility to MRMC to operate.

**Nature of Requirement:** The regulation prohibits the leasing of a hospital in its entirety.

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** June 1, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The restructuring was needed to approve the proposed refinancing. The refinancing lowered the interest rate on the FHA-insured debt from 7.39% to below 4%.

**Contact:** Shelley M. McCracken-Rania, Senior Financial Analyst, Office of Housing, 451 7th Street SW., Room 2247, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–5366.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 290.30(a).
- **Project/Activity:** Howard Avenue Rehabilitation, FHA Project Number 012–37083 V and W, Brooklyn, New York. Howard Avenue Associates, L.P. (Owner) seeks approval to waive the non-competitive sale of two HUD-held multifamily mortgages.

**Nature of Requirement:** The regulation at 24 CFR 290.30(a), which governs the sale of HUD-held mortgages, states that “[e]xcept as otherwise provided in Section 290.31(a)(2), HUD will sell HUD-held multifamily mortgages on a competitive basis.”

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** April 4, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The owner requested and was granted a waiver of the non-competitive sale of two HUD-held multifamily mortgages. The waiver allows HUD to assign the mortgages to the Owner’s new mortgagee to avoid paying mortgage recording tax in the State of New York.

**Contact:** Cindy Bridges, Senior Account Executive, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6168, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–2603.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 290.30(a).
- **Project/Activity:** 1018 East 163rd Street, FHA Project Number 012–52760 W, Bronx, New York. 1018 Development Company (Owner) seeks approval to waive the non-competitive sale of a HUD-held multifamily mortgage.

**Nature of Requirement:** The regulation at 24 CFR 290.30(a), which governs the sale of HUD-held mortgages, states that “[e]xcept as otherwise provided in Section 290.31(a)(2), HUD will sell HUD-held multifamily mortgages on a competitive basis.”

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** June 1, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** The owner requested and was granted a waiver of the non-competitive sale of a HUD-held multifamily mortgage. The waiver allows the Department to assign the mortgage to the Owner’s new mortgagee to avoid paying mortgage recording tax in the State of New York.

**Contact:** Susanna Oyewo, Account Executive, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6080, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–6800.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.
- **Project/Activity:** Andres Duarte Terrace II, Duarte, CA, Project Number: 122–EE26/CA16–5101–002.

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18-months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 36 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

**Granted By:** Edward L. Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.
**Date Granted:** June 1, 2016.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed for the approval of the subordination agreement by the City of Duarte Housing Authority, and amendment of the Owner’s limited partnership agreement.
Mainstream Voucher Program are an affiliate partner of the Lifespan Corporation (Lifespan). Lifespan has a FYE date of September 30, 2016. The HA requested an extension to submit its audited financial data for the fiscal year end (FYE) of June 30, 2015, to align with its partner Lifespan’s FYE date of September 30, 2016. The additional time allowed the auditor necessary time to compile and complete Gateway HealthCare’s required audited financial data submission to the Department. This Financial Assessment Sub System (FASS) audited financial submission waiver (extension) does not apply to Single Audit submissions to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse; the HA is required to meet the Single Audit due dates.

Contact: Dee Ann R. Walker, Acting Program Manager, NASS, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 475–7908.


Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that if the processing entity determines that the assistance applicant is otherwise eligible to participate in a program, the assistance applicant may retain its place on the waiting list for the program but cannot become a participant until it can provide a complete and accurate social security number (SSN) assigned to each member of the household.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Acting Program Manager, NASS, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 475–7908.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 5.216(h)(1). Project/Activity: Des Moines Municipal Housing Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 5.216(h)(1) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: San Diego Housing Commission in San Diego, California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: Manchester Commission in Manchester, Connecticut, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: Des Moines Municipal Housing Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: Des Moines Municipal Housing Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

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• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: Des Moines Municipal Housing Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

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• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: Des Moines Municipal Housing Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

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• Regulation: 24 CFR 582.505(d). Project/Activity: Des Moines Municipal Housing Authority in Des Moines, Iowa, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 582.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

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Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: San Diego Housing Commission in San Diego, California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
Date Granted: April 18, 2016.
Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: Boston Housing Authority in Boston, Massachusetts, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
Date Granted: April 9, 2016.
Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: County of Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
Date Granted: May 9, 2016.
Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.
• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: Howard County Housing in Columbia, Maryland, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

  Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

  Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  Date Granted: June 7, 2016.

  Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

  Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: Colorado Department of Local Affairs in Denver, Colorado, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

  Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

  Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  Date Granted: June 13, 2016.

  Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

  Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: County of Maui in Wailuku, Hawaii, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

  Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

  Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  Date Granted: June 14, 2016.

  Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

  Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: Boston Housing Authority in Boston, Massachusetts, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

  Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

  Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  Date Granted: June 14, 2016.

  Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

  Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: Boston Housing Authority in Boston, Massachusetts, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

  Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

  Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  Date Granted: June 15, 2016.

  Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

  Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  Project/Activity: Housing Authority of Clackamas County in Oregon City, Oregon, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 982.505(d) so that it could approve an exception payment standard amount above 120 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) as a reasonable accommodation.

  Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is no more than 120 percent of the FMR for the unit size.

  Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramírez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  Date Granted: June 21, 2016.

  Reason Waived: This regulation was waived as a reasonable accommodation to allow a disabled participant to receive housing assistance and pay no more than 40 percent of its adjusted income toward the family share.

  Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 984.305(c)(1).
  Project/Activity: The Housing Authority of Chelan County and City of Wenatchee in Wenatchee, Washington, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 984.305(c)(1) so that it could disburse escrow funds accumulated by a participant in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. The FSS family was unable to...
to complete its contract of participation due to being absorbed into the HCV program of a PHA that did not administer an FSS program.

Nature of Requirement: This regulation states the FSS escrow shall be paid to the participant if the contract of participation has been completed and at the time of contract completion the head of the FSS family submits to the PHA a certification that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, no member of the FSS family is a recipient of welfare assistance.

Granted By: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: April 8, 2016.

Reason Waived: This waiver was granted because for the WHHA’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, the waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

Contact: Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the American Burying Beetle, From American Electric Power, and Availability of Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), we, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) and a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) from American Electric Power in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. Our low-effect screening form (LESF), which supports a categorical exclusion for the HCP under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is also available for review.

DATED: Comments: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by October 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Obtaining Documents:


U.S. Mail: Field Supervisor, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129; telephone 918–382–4500. Please note that your request is in reference to the American Electric Power (AEP) LEHCP (TE01909C).

In-Person: Copies of the draft low-effect screening form and draft HCP are also available for public inspection and review at the following locations, by appointment and written request only, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Library, 1849 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20240.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87201.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129; 918–382–4500 (phone); or 918–581–7467 (fax).

Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, NM 87103, Attention: Branch Chief, Environmental Review.

Comment submission: You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

Electronically: fw2_hcp_permits@fws.gov.

By hard copy: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129; calling 918–382–4500; or faxing 918–581–7467.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonna Polk, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9014 East 21st St., Tulsa, OK 74129; or by telephone at 918–382–4500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), we have received an application for an ITP and a proposed HCP from AEP in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. Our LESF, which supports a categorical exclusion for the HCP under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), is also available for review. The requested permit, which would be in effect for a period of 3 years, if granted, would authorize incidental take of the American burying beetle resulting from the construction of two segments of the Talawanda to McAlester electric transmission line.

Under NEPA, we advise the public that we have gathered the information necessary to determine impacts related to potential issuance of an ITP and have determined that the proposed action qualifies as a low-effect HCP and is categorically excluded from the NEPA process; and

In addition, the applicant has developed and proposes to implement