

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announce the following meeting.

**Name:** Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee (SRS).

**Times and Dates:** 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m., November 13, 1997.

8 a.m.-11:45 a.m., November 14, 1997.

**Place:** Holiday Inn Midtown, 7100 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31406, telephone 912/352-7100.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

**Background:** Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS has delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, an MOU was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

**Purpose:** This subcommittee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Director, CDC, and the Administrator, ATSDR, regarding community, American Indian Tribes, and labor concerns pertaining to CDC's and ATSDR's public health activities and research at this DOE site. Activities shall focus on providing a forum for community, American Indian Tribal, and

labor interaction and serve as a vehicle for community concern to be expressed as advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

**Matters to be Discussed:** Agenda items include: presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) regarding current activities and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and ATSDR will provide updates on the progress of current studies.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Paul G. Renard, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F-35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7040, FAX 770/488-7044.

Dated: October 22, 1997.

**Julia M. Fuller,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**Type of Information Collection Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) Rounds: 20-28; **Form No.:** HCFA-P-15A (OMB# 0938-0568); **Use:** The MCBS is a continuous, multipurpose

survey of a nationally representative sample of aged and disabled persons enrolled in Medicare. The survey provides a comprehensive source of information on beneficiary characteristics, needs, utilization, and satisfaction with Medicare-related activities; **Frequency:** Other (3 times a year per respondent); **Affected Public:** Individuals and households; **Number of Respondents:** 16,500; **Total Annual Responses:** 49,500; **Total Annual Hours:** 50,490.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

**John P. Burke III,**

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-46]

#### Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment.

**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:** Comment due date: December 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Sheila E. Jones, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410-7000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard H. Broun, Director, Office of Community Viability, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7240, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-7000. For telephone communication, contact Fred Regetz, Environmental Review Division at (202) 708-1201, Extension 4465. This is not a toll-free number. Hearing or speech impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**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).

The 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:* Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities.

*OMB Control Number:* 2506-0087.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* To document compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the related environmental statutes. Used by recipients of HUD assistance who are required to assume HUD's environmental responsibilities. HUD regulations require recipients to submit requests for release of funds and certify full compliance with NEPA and the related statutes using the procedures identified in 24 CFR Part 58. Recipients must also maintain a public record of each project's compliance.

*Agency Form Numbers:* Form HUD 7015.15.

*Members of affected public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Information collection	Number of responses	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours	Regulatory reference
Office of Community Planning and Development .....	2,500	1	2,500	0.6	1500	§ 58.1
Office of Public and Indian Housing .....	2,300	1	2,300	0.6	1380	§ 58.1
Office of Housing .....	125	1	125	0.6	75	§ 58.1
Total Annual Burden .....	.....	.....	.....	1.8	2875	.....

*Status of the proposed information collection:* The revision is needed in support of proposed rulemaking and request for OMB renewal for three years. The current OMB approval expires on December 31, 1998.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 22, 1997.

**Jacquie M. Lawing,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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**Request for Release of Funds  
and Certification**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** OMB No. 2506-0087 (exp. 12/31/98)  
 Office of Community Planning and Development  
 Office of Public and Indian Housing  
 Office of Housing

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.6 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Pursuant to Section 104(g) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Section 17(i) and Section 26 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937; Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; Section 288 under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales Nation Affordable Housing Act (NAHA); Section 542(c) and 1011(o) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992; Section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994; and Section 26 under title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for Public and Indian Housing.

1. Program Title(s):	2. HUD/State Identification Number:
OMB Catalog No(s):	3. Name & Address of Responsible Entity:
4. Name & Address of Recipient: (if different from responsible entity)	5. For information about this request, Contact:
	6. Date of Latest Assistance Action:
	Application Submission: Preliminary Approval: Grant Agreement:

**Part I. Request for Release of Funds** (to be completed by recipient)

7. HUD or State Agency &amp; Office Unit to Receive Request:

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program listed above requests the release of funds and removal of grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following:

8. Program Activity/Project Name:	9. Location: (street, address, city, county, & state)
10. Program Activity/Project Description:	

The recipient agrees to comply with any special conditions as evidenced in the environmental review performed by the responsible entity for carrying out the project in accord with 24 CFR 58.71(b) and (c).

Signature of the recipient:	Title:	Date:
X		

**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity/Project, I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with or will take into account, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended; the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.43 and 24 CFR 58.6; and the applicable State and Local laws.
2. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal ☐ did ☐ did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
3. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies).
4. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

5. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR Part 58.5 and 24 CFR Part 58.6 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provision of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decisionmaking and actions that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
6. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the enforcement of all

**7. Signature & Address of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity:**

Signature:

Title:

Date:

X

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties (18 USC 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 USC 3729, 3802).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Public Scoping Meetings for Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan

**AGENCIES:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Oregon Department of Forestry (Applicant) has begun the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) for state forest lands managed by the Applicant. The Applicant intends to submit the Plan to the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively, "the Services"), along with an application for an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

This notice advises the public that the Services and Applicant have scheduled a series of public meetings to inform the public of a proposed Plan and the process of application for incidental take permits. The Services are seeking suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues related to the development of a Plan, including the range of alternatives that should be considered in the environmental review documents required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Public input may be written or oral (if provided at any of the public meetings). Information on dates and deadlines is provided below.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before February 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the scope of the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement should be labeled as "Attention—ODF HCP" and addressed to Mr. Russell Peterson at: Oregon State Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2600 SE 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266; telephone (503) 231-6179. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (503) 231-6195.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Mr. Joseph Zisa at the above address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Applicant has initiated the development of a multi-species Habitat

Conservation Plan under the provisions of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act, in consultation with the Services. The Plan will be submitted to the Services as part of an application for an incidental take permit for approximately 630,000 acres of state forest land. This acreage includes approximately 520,000 acres in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests in northwest Oregon and approximately 48,000 acres in the Santiam State Forest. The remaining covered acreage would include all other state forest lands west of the Cascade Mountains crest, with the exception of the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas Counties. The Services issued an incidental take permit for the Elliott State Forest in 1995.

Once completed, the Applicant would submit the Plan as part of the incidental take permit application. The Services would evaluate the incidental take permit application and associated Plan in accordance with section 10(a)(2)(B) of the Act, and its implementing regulations. The environmental review of the Plan would be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, as well as the implementing regulations of the Endangered Species Act. A No Action/No Project alternative will be considered consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The proposed incidental take permit would cover the Applicant's management activities that would result in the incidental take of species currently listed under the Act. Additionally, the applicant would be requesting federal assurances regarding other, presently unlisted species occurring or potentially occurring on the above lands. Presently listed species that the proposed Plan and incidental take permit would potentially cover include the threatened northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), the threatened marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus marmoratus*), the threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), and the endangered American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*). The proposed agreement covering conservation of unlisted species would include the proposed threatened coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and other species.

During this scoping process, the Services seek public and agency input regarding the development of the proposed Plan and potential issuance of incidental take permits.

Should the decision be made that an environmental impact statement is

appropriate, a separate Notice of Intent will be published in the **Federal Register**. Comments received during the scoping process referenced in this notice and any additional comments received following a future Notice of Intent shall be considered in the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement. At this time, the Services cannot estimate the time following the completion of this scoping process necessary for a decision regarding the selection of National Environmental Policy Act documentation and additional scoping.

Draft Plan and National Environmental Policy Act documents are not expected to be available for public review during this scoping process. The information gathered from scoping will be utilized in the development of such documents prior to a formal public review process later in 1998.

The Applicant is expected to present some of its proposals for the Plan to the public during the upcoming scoping meetings. These proposals do not necessarily represent those that will be included in the Plan as it undergoes further development. Such proposals may not be the product of complete consultation with the Services and have not been subject to formal evaluation for adequacy by the Services.

#### Meetings

As an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the scope of the environmental assessment or environmental impact statement and issues related to the development of the Plan, public scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

*November 17, 1997*, Oregon Department of Forestry District Office, 4907 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

*November 18, 1997*, Red Lion Inn, Chinook Room, 400 Industry Street, Astoria, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

*November 20, 1997*, World Forestry Center, Portland, Oregon, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., preceded by an informational workshop from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*December 2, 1997*, Oregon Department of Forestry Headquarters, Conference Room, 2600 State Street, Salem, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

*December 3, 1997*, Lane Community College, Forum Room 308, Eugene, Oregon, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(For more detailed information regarding the above locations, please contact the Oregon Department of Forestry's Public Affairs Office at telephone (503) 945-7422 or (800) 482-6866.)