

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, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Riley, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8222, Washington, DC 20410, telephone 202-708-9426, extension 5861. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents may be obtained from Joseph Riley.

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).

This 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 if 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 that will reduce respondent burden (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

This Notice also provides the following information:

Title of Proposal: Quality Control for Rental Assistance Subsidy Determinations.

Description of the Need for Information and Proposed Use: The Department is conducting under contract a study to update its estimates of the extent and type of errors associated with income, rent, and subsidy determinations for the 4.5 million households covered by Public Housing and Section 8 housing subsidies. The QC process involves selecting a nationally representative sample of assisted households to measure the extent and types of errors in rent and income determinations, which in turn cause subsidy errors. On-

site tenant interviews, file reviews, and third-party income verifications are conducted. The data obtained are used to identify the most serious problems and their associated costs. HUD program offices are then responsible for designing and implementing corrective actions. Error rates will be compared with error rates from the first QC study, which was completed in 1995, to measure whether corrective actions initiated after the first study have had impacts and if changes in priorities are needed.

The first QC study found that about one-half of the errors measured using on-site tenant interviews and file reviews could not be detected with the 50058/50059 form data collected by the Department, which is why HUD and other agencies with means-tested program have determined that on-site reviews and interviews are an essential complement to remote monitoring measures. This study will provide information on the quality of tenant interviewing (e.g., whether they are being asked about all sources of income) and the reliability of eligibility determinations and income verification. It is anticipated successive studies will be done on a two year cycle to provide updates on the nature and extent of errors and the effectiveness of error reduction strategies.

Members of the Affected Public: Recipients of Public Housing and Section 8 housing assistance subsidies.

Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed With Those Surveyed to Conduct the Information Collection, Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response: The researchers will survey approximately 388 PHA/program sponsor staff about (re)certification procedures, training, interview procedures, and problems encountered in conducting (re)certifications. Although more than one staff member may need to be contacted to obtain answers to all questions, the questionnaire will be administered once at each participating project and the interviews are expected to take less than 35 minutes. Researchers will survey, 2,800 program participants to obtain information on household composition, expenses, and income. The time required for these interviews will vary, but it estimated to require less than 50 minutes per interview.

The time estimates provided are based on the first QC survey. This survey will make use of Computer Assisted Interviewing (CAI) questionnaires and equipment, which are being used in part because they are known to reduce interview times. The above interview

time estimates are therefore higher than likely actual interview times, but until questionnaire software development is completed we are unable to provide a good estimate of the extent to which interview times will be reduced.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: To be submitted to OMB for approval subsequent to receiving comments from this notice.

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

Dated: November 9, 1998.

Lawrence L. Thompson,
General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4349-N-41]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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: Comments due date: December 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

This Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Sec. 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

David S. Cristy,

Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

Title of proposal: Assessment of resident satisfaction with their living conditions.

Office: Real Estate Assessment Center.

OMB approval number: 2535-xxxx.

Description of the need for the information and its proposed use: HUD is conducting this survey to assess the living conditions of residents. The survey will assess the overall satisfaction of residents with their housing conditions.

Form number: 2535-xxxx.

Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Frequency of submission: Annually.

Reporting Burden

Number of respondents	x	Frequency of response	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
75,000		1		.25		18,750

Total estimated burden hours: 18,750.

Status: New Collection.

Contact: Christine Jenkins, HUD, (202) 755-2082 x134; Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Extension of Comment Period for Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is extending the comment period through close of business Monday, November 30, 1998, for the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and associated Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness, Ajo, Arizona. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued consequent to the issuance of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA). A notice was published in the **Federal Register** notifying release of the document on September 28, 1998. The Service is furnishing this notice to ensure that interested parties have every opportunity to offer input, comments, and suggestions with respect to the Service's proposed management objectives and strategies detailed in the draft CCP document attached to the Final Programmatic EA.

DATES: The Service will be open to written advice and comment on the draft CCP Objectives and Strategies through November 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Mr. Tom Baca, Natural Resource Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Region, Division of Refuges and Wildlife, P. O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered and will continue to consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Continued public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP document when finalized will provide other agencies

and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

Review of these projects will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

The Service anticipates that a Final CCP will be available by December 30, 1998.

Dated: November 17, 1998.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-932-1430-01; F-020174, F-35871, F-35872]

Notice of Proposed Extension of Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Army has filed applications to extend the withdrawal of approximately 869,862 acres of public lands for the Fort Wainwright Yukon Training Area, the Fort Greely West Training Area, and the Fort Greely East Training Area. The lands were originally withdrawn by Public Law 99-606 of November 6, 1986. The withdrawal will expire on November 5, 2001, unless extended. This withdrawal extension requires legislative action by Congress pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155-158, commonly known as the Engle Act. The lands are currently withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws pursuant to Public Law 99-606.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before February 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Alaska State Director, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, No. 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.