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Dear Mr. Champagne:

The Department is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements contained in the Section 5(h) and Section 32 Homeownership Program Evaluation Discussion Guides (Request). The Notice of Paperwork Submission (copy enclosed), proposed for immediate *Federal Register* publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comments. This is a new information collection.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 30 days from the date of publication. This emergency processing is essential to the immediate implementation of program evaluation activities for the Section 32 and Section 5(h) Public Housing Homeownership programs under contract R-DEN-02010.

These Public Housing Homeownership programs represent an important contribution to HUD's mission of increased homeownership. To accelerate progress towards the President's Homeownership Initiatives and HUD's mission, the Department must assess and improve program performance. These evaluation activities are consistent with the directives of the Office of Management and Budget's Program Assessment Ranking system and the mandate of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA).

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures