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The Department is seeking emergency review and approval of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for a new information collection which supports the Section 1609 American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) requirement to report on the status of federal environment compliance review requirements for all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ARRA funded activities.

In order to be in compliance with the ARRA Section 1609 requirements, this letter requests emergency processing within 3 days from the date of this letter. The collection of this information is necessary due to Section 1609 of the ARRA.

Timing is important because the White House will transmit a report to Congress on compliance reviews before the end of July. Consequently, in order for the Department to meet this dead line, we need to have approval of this Paperwork Reduction Act data collection request. The information we are requesting is a further amplification of data regarding environmental uncompleted compliance reviews that have been underway for at least three months. Two additional questions covering why the review has taken so long and when the review is likely to be completed will be asked in HUD's new electronic data collection system- Recovery Act Management System (RAMPS).

The shortened processing period that we are requesting will help facilitate meeting the White House statutory dead line for report submission period. Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Bien".

Charles Bien, Director
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