U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

OFFICE OF HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

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Mr. Ross Rutledge OMB Desk Officer Office of Management and Budget New Executive Office Building Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Rutledge:

The Department is seeking emergency review and approval of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for a revision of a previously approved information collection which supports the issuance of \$132,000,000 available through the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. The Notice of Paperwork submission is proposed for immediate Federal Register publication, explains the burden of collection requirements, and invites public comment.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter request emergency processing within 7 days from the date of this letter. The collection of this information is necessary due to 5 CFR 1320.13(1)(i). To issue the funds available under the Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs, we need to publish Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) immediately. The Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs NOFAs have incorporated the proposed data collection forms to facilitate the submission of information by applicants for funding, application reviews, and routine performance assessments. Approval of this information collection submission is required prior to issuing our NOFAs.

The shortened processing period that we are requesting will help facilitate the prompt issuance of the funds to the public and ensure that we comply with the requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

John L. Gant

Director