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Mr. Ross Rutledge
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Office of Management and Budget
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Rutledge:

The Department is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requirements contained in the Federal Register Notice "Allocations, Common Application, Waivers, and Alternative requirements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Grantees under Section 239 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L 112-55)." The Notice of Paperwork Submission (copy enclosed), proposed for immediate Federal Register publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comments on them.

In accordance with the Department's requirements, recipients of CDBG disaster recovery funds are required to submit an action plan that describes how they will use CDBG disaster recovery funds to meet their disaster recovery needs. This emergency processing is requested to support and respond to the effects of recent Presidentially-declared disasters. The shortened processing period will ensure the Department can implement the pre-award and funding process quickly so that communities can initiate their recovery activities during this construction season. The quarterly reporting and voucher submission collections that will be required in order for grantees to access these funds will be included in the forthcoming Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System (DRGR) PRA request.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing within 14 days from the date of the Federal Register publication of the Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mercedes Márquez".

Mercedes Márquez
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures