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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) Demonstration.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0289.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) has developed a new inspection model entitled the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE). Prior to nationwide implementation, REAC will test NSPIRE through a multistage Demonstration to identify potential adjustments to standards, protocols, and processes. HUD will ask public housing agencies (PHAs), and owners and agents (OAs) (collectively referred to as POAs) to participate in this Demonstration through a voluntary application process and plans to test this model with approximately 4,500 properties.

HUD is developing a standardized electronic system and data exchange standard for this collection and will

distribute self-inspection software for properties to collect and submit this data electronically. Within the scope of this collection, HUD requests the following information from participating POAs: An annual self-inspection report or work order receipts; a property profile; copies of building system certificates; local code violations over the rolling calendar year; and participation in feedback sessions.

1. Many POAs have statutory, regulatory, or housing program contractual requirements to conduct an annual self-inspection of the property, including all the dwelling units. POAs will be provided with self-inspection software that will enable them to easily document and submit deficiencies across the rolling calendar year. In lieu of submitting a self-inspection report, POAs can electronically submit work order receipts from across the rolling calendar year. This data provides reasonable assurance that every dwelling unit was evaluated for deficiencies and maintenance needs.

2. POAs will submit a property profile documenting the: Owner/company name, physical address, type of housing (e.g. Section 8), structure type, number of buildings, number of floors, number of units, if there is an attached garage, types of fuel-burning appliances, and an updated floor plan.

3. POAs will submit an electronic copy of all building system certificates. These certificates include but are not limited to elevators, fire alarm systems (including carbon monoxide detectors if part of the fire alarm system), sprinkler systems, boilers (HVAC or domestic

water), and lead-based paint inspection reports. HUD believes that it is important for POAs to provide this information annually as the inoperability of these systems can have a substantial effect on the resident.

4. POAs will submit a list of local code violations for which the property was cited over the rolling calendar year. HUD regulations, at 24 CFR 5.703(g), require HUD housing to adhere to local code. HUD believes that compliance (or non-compliance) with local code can serve as an important indicator as to whether a property is conducting regular maintenance and whether it is providing acceptable basic housing conditions.

5. Finally, HUD will ask 900 POAs to provide feedback on the NSPIRE Demonstration via one in-person listening session. With this information, HUD will be better able to refine inspection standards and protocols, ensuring resident housing is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair.

Without information from the property's annual self-inspection, HUD's interests will not be protected, and HUD will not be able to easily identify risks due to neglected maintenance. Analyzing self-inspection data will allow HUD to better identify these risks and improve the accuracy of property assessments, the consistency of inspections, and ultimately to provide residents with quality affordable housing.

*Respondents:* POAs participating in the NSPIRE Demonstration.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
	60,000	Annually .....	4,500	2.7 hours per property .....	12,150	\$22.76	\$276,534

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those

who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: August 1, 2019.

**Merrie Nichols-Dixon,**

*Director, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-7011-N-38]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: FHA Lender Approval, Annual Renewal, Periodic Updates and Required Reports by FHA-Approved Lenders**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date: September 13, 2019.*

**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: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Volky Garcia, Director, Lender Approval and Recertification Division, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, Office of Single Family Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East SW, Room P3214, Washington, DC 20024-8000; email [Volky.A.Garcia@hud.gov](mailto:Volky.A.Garcia@hud.gov), or telephone 202-402-8229. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on March 12, 2019 at 84 FR 8888.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* FHA Lender Approval, Annual Renewal, Periodic Updates and Required Reports by FHA-Approved Lenders.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0005.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Form Number:* Online form (previously HUD-92001-A) and Annual Certification, with no corresponding number.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Title II

of the National Housing Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1703, 1709, and 1715b, 42 U.S.C. 1436(a) 3535(d), authorizes the Secretary of HUD to prescribe terms and conditions with respect to mortgage insurance under the above act. Criteria for approval to become a Title I lender and/or Title II mortgagee, as well as requirements to maintain that approval, are specified in 24 CFR 202, 24 CFR 203.433, 24 CFR 203.434 and Handbook HUD 4000.1, which became effective on September 14, 2015. The requirements in Handbook HUD 4000.1 represent the consolidation of those previously set forth in Handbooks HUD 4700.2 & 4060.1 and various Title I Letters and Mortgagee Letters.

31 U.S.C. 7701, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1986, authorizes "the head of an agency administering an included Federal loan program" to collect taxpayer identifying numbers for "a lender or servicer in a Federal guaranteed or insured loan program administered by the agency." Executive Order 9397, as amended by Executive Order 13478, also authorizes federal departments and agencies to use Social Security Numbers "as a system to organize and identify individual persons."

The information is used by FHA to verify that lenders meet all approval, renewal and compliance requirements at all times. It is also used to assist FHA in managing its financial risks and to protect consumers from lender noncompliance with FHA regulations.

The figures below were updated by using Fiscal Year 2018 annual lender approval and recertification submission data. This revision reflects a decrease in the entire OMB approval number burden hours which is attributable to a change in the annual certification responses.

*Respondents (i.e. affected public):* Regulatory or compliance.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,852.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 18,982.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual/Periodic.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 13,231.

In addition to the 60 days of public comment that HUD provided on this information collection, HUD also provided the public an opportunity to comment on the FHA Annual Lender Certification through FHA's Office of Single Family Housing "Drafting Table" at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/SFH\\_policy\\_drafts](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/SFH_policy_drafts). HUD received comments that the annual certification statements require overly

broad attestation of regulatory and Handbook provisions which already require strict compliance with all HUD regulations and requirements necessary to maintain the Mortgagee's FHA approval as codified in 24 CFR 202.5. Generally, the commenters recommended that HUD: (1) Rescind the annual certification statements since the National Housing Act does not require certification of compliance with FHA eligibility requirements or completion of an annual certification; or (2) revise the annual certification statements to a general acknowledgement of the existence of policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure material compliance. In response to the feedback and recommendations, HUD developed a streamlined FHA Annual Lender Certification attached as Appendix A.

#### B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including using the appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: August 9, 2019.

**Colette Pollard,**

*Department Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### Appendix A

##### FHA Lender Annual Certification Statements (All Mortgagees)

**DRAFT as of 7/29/2019**

1. I acknowledge that I am a Corporate Officer of the abovementioned Mortgagee (hereinafter referred to as "the Mortgagee") authorized to execute these certifications and acknowledgements on behalf of the Mortgagee.

2. I certify that, during the Certification Period, the Mortgagee, or any Corporate

Officer (as defined at HUD Handbook 4000.1 I.A.3.c.iv.(B)) was not:

- (a) Subject to a suspension, debarment, or under a Limited Denial of Participation (LDP); or
- (b) Refused or had revoked, any license necessary to conduct normal operations in

the mortgage loan industry by any State(s) (as defined at 12 U.S.C. 1707(d)) in which the Mortgagee will originate insured mortgages or Title I loans.

3. I certify that during the Certification Period the Mortgagee was not sanctioned by any State(s) (as defined at 12 U.S.C. 1707(d))

in which the Mortgagee will originate insured mortgages or Title I loans.

4. I certify that the preceding statements are materially correct to the best of my knowledge.

**WARNING: This warning applies to all certifications made in this document.**

Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim, or makes false statements is subject to criminal and civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil penalties. 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001 and 31 U.S.C. §3729

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**

On August 8, 2019, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Guardian Life Insurance Company of America*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-02557.

The proposed Consent Decree resolves the United States' claim under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607, against the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America ("Guardian Life") for recovery of past response costs incurred at the Widefield PCE Superfund Site ("Site") in El Paso County, Colorado. The Site comprises a former dry cleaners at 3217 South Academy Boulevard in Colorado Springs and related contamination of soil and groundwater, including of the Widefield Aquifer. Guardian Life was the owner of the 3217 South Academy Boulevard property at the time of disposal of hazardous substances. The proposed Consent Decree requires Guardian Life to pay \$700,000 in reimbursement of past response costs incurred by the United States with respect to the Site. The proposed Consent Decree provides Guardian Life with a covenant not to sue for past response costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Site and contribution protection under CERCLA.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and

Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Guardian Life Insurance Company of America*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-02557 (D. Colo.), D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-11721. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov</i> .
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the proposed Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$3.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury. For a paper copy without the exhibits and signature pages, the cost is \$3.00.

**Robert Brook,**

*Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**U.S. Marshals Service**

[OMB Number 1105-0099]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection USMS Medical Forms**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until October 15, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have additional comments, particularly with respect to the estimated public burden or associated response time, have suggestions, need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or desire any additional information, please contact Nicole Timmons either by mail at CG-3, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20530-0001, by email at [Nicole.Timmons@usdoj.gov](mailto:Nicole.Timmons@usdoj.gov), or by telephone at 202-236-2646.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;