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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Consistent with ongoing regulatory reform efforts and in accordance with Executive Order 14192 (“*Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation*”) ¹ and Executive Order 14219 (“*Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President’s ‘Department of Government Efficiency’ Deregulatory Initiative*”),² HUD is undertaking a comprehensive review of its sub-regulatory guidance to reduce unnecessary compliance burdens,

enhance the effectiveness of guidance documents, and promote principles underlying the rule of law. Past guidance, policies, and interpretive rules inconsistent with such principles are subject to review, revision, and/or rescission.

Agencies often issue statements that, unlike rules promulgated pursuant to legislation, do not carry the force and effect of law. These statements include interpretive rules, which advise the public of an agency’s interpretation of the statutes and regulations it administers as well as general statements of policy, which advise the public about an agency’s intended use of its discretionary authority. These non-binding guidance documents are a common tool for agencies to advise the public but can sometimes be used to attempt to bind the regulated public without adequate accountability.

It is HUD’s current policy to evaluate non-binding policy guidance that may be inconsistent with the statutory text or impose compliance burdens outside of the notice-and-comment rulemaking process. Accordingly, OGC has set the

following criteria as the basis for withdrawing existing guidance documents:

(1) Guidance is not statutorily prescribed;

(2) Interpretation set forth is inconsistent with relevant statutes or regulations;

(3) Guidance imposes additional compliance burdens.

II. Guidance Withdrawn

OGC is notifying the public that it has withdrawn the guidance documents identified in the table below, effective September 25, 2025, as they meet the criteria above for withdrawal. These documents have been removed from active use and should not be relied upon as authoritative. Any handbooks and internal training materials that reference these guidance documents should be revised accordingly. New internal and external guidance will be issued where necessary and appropriate. All of these guidance documents have been removed from the *HUD.gov* website and should not be relied upon by internal or external parties.

Title	Date issued
Memorandum of Understanding Between DOJ and HUD Concerning Enforcement of the Fair Housing Act	December 7, 1990.
Referrals of Pattern or Practice Fair Housing Cases to the DOJ	December 12, 2011.
OGC Guidance Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to Use of Criminal Records	April 4, 2016.
OGC Guidance FH Act Protections for LEP Persons	September 15, 2016.
Joint Statement, HUD DOJ, State, and Local Land Use Law and Practices and the FH Act	November 10, 2016.
Elements of Proof	August 11, 2014.
Application to the Fair Housing Act of the Supreme Court’s Decision in <i>Bostock v. Clayton County</i>	February 9, 2021.
Office of General Counsel Guidance on the Fair Housing Act’s Treatment of Certain Special Purpose Credit Programs That are Designed to be Implemented in Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Regulation B.	December 6, 2021.
Appraisal Elements of Proof	May 6, 2022.
Limiting PHA and Owner Discretion in Admitting and Evicting Tenants in Federally Assisted Housing	March 27, 2023.
Final Legal Determination for Implementation of the Violence Against Women Act (Asked and Answered)	October 11, 2023.
Whether the Mrs. Murphy Exemption applies to dwellings solely owned by LLCs or other business entities	July 10, 2024.
Application of Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws to Source of Income Restrictions	November 4, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. USGS–ECO–2026–0004;
GX26EN05ESB0500; OMB Control Number
1028–0096]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Regional Climate Adaptation
Science Centers (CASCs)**

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of
1995, the U.S. Geological Survey
(USGS) is proposing to renew an
information collection authorization.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before
September 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS–ECO–2026–0004.
- *U.S. Mail:* USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201

Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston,
VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this information collection request
(ICR), contact Shawn Carter, Chief
Administrator (Acting) and Senior
Scientist of the USGS National Climate
Adaptation Science Center, by email at
scarter@usgs.gov, or by telephone at
571–314–2788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C.
3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all
information collections require approval
under the PRA. We may not conduct or
sponsor, and you are not required to
respond to, a collection of information

¹ 90 FR 9065 (January 31, 2025).
² 90 FR 10583 (February 19, 2025).

unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The USGS manages one National and nine CASCs. Each regional CASC involves a cooperative agreement with a host institution. The host institution agreements are periodically re-competed, requiring collection of information from potential host institutions. In addition, this information collection addresses annual and biannual reporting required of host institutions as part of their hosting agreement and associated research agreements.

Title of Collection: Department of the Interior Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0096.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Institutions that propose to serve as CASC host or partner institutions including state, local government, and tribal entities, and academic institutions. Existing host institutions are state academic institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 10.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 307 Responses (see table below).

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Each proposal for CASC hosting is expected to take 200 hours to complete. The time required to complete annual reports for any specific host cooperative agreement is expected to take 5 hours per report and annual reports for each research agreement are expected to total 2.5 hours per report.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,590 Hours (see table below).

Type of report	Annual number of reports	Annual burden hours per report	Total annual burden
Host Recompete	9	200	1,800
Host Performance Report	9	5	45
Host Financial Report	9	5	45
Research Performance Report	135	2.5	337.5
Research Financial Report	135	2.5	337.5
NCASC Performance Report	5	2.5	12.5
NCASC Financial Report	5	2.5	12.5
Grand Total	307	220	2,590

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Information will be collected once every five years for each CASC to enable re-competition of CASC hosting agreements. In addition, host institutions are required to provide annual financial reports and performance reports, as well as annual or biannual financial and performance reports on the associated research agreements.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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Federal Register Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Survey Plats: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey (plats) of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed 30 calendar days after the date of this publication in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by August 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Public Room at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 West 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513, upon required payment. The plats at the BLM Alaska