

of transport. Although there are recommended methods, the ultimate responsibility for properly securing cargo inside a container (by blocking, bracing, and strapping) resides with the packer of the container.

U.S. regulations make reference to dunnage as a method for securing cargo and defines it in 49 CFR 176.2 as "lumber of not less than 25 mm (0.98 inch) commercial thickness or equivalent material laid over or against structures such as tank tops, decks, bulkheads, frames, plating, or ladders, or used for filling voids or fitting around cargo, to prevent damage during transportation." However, there is no reference made to flexible strapping systems. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued exemptions to 49 CFR 176.76(a)(4), allowing the use of fabric restraint dunnage systems to secure certain hazardous materials, when installed as specified by the manufacturer's instructions.

There are a variety of options for developing a standard. One option is to request that the UN ECE, ILO, and IMO consider incorporating flexible strapping systems into their Guidelines. Another option is to have the International Standards Organization (ISO) develop testing and performance requirements. The U.S. could also create domestic regulations for incorporation into 49 CFR part 176. The final option is to continue operations as they currently exist, allowing the packer to determine the best method of securing cargo without a standardized approval or certification process.

The Coast Guard invites comments on the following topics:

- The need for a new approval process or certification standard for cargo securing systems.
- Information on currently used standards for the approval and use of cargo securing systems.
- Methods for ensuring or verifying that securing systems adequately secure cargo without damaging the container or cargo.
- Existing test methods for securing systems.
- Materials used for securing cargo within the container (e.g. wood, plastic, bags, web, wire, chain, etc.).
- Allowances for movement of cargo within the container when securing systems are used.
- Information on cargo securing systems that are currently being used to secure cargo in containers, both domestically and internationally.

Written comments and responses to the above topics will be added to the docket number for this notice (USCG-

2009-1079). The Coast Guard intends to review and analyze all comments received in order to develop a way forward for securing cargo in containers.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5375-N-01]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**DATES:** *Effective Date: January 8, 2010.*

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

**Mark R. Johnston,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0194

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** 60-day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval for the collection of information under 43 CFR subpart 3809. The OMB previously approved this collection of information and assigned it the control number 1004-0194.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to the BLM at the address below on or before March 9, 2010. The BLM is not obligated to consider any comments postmarked or received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401-LS, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240, Attention: 1004-0194. You may also comment electronically at: [Jean\\_Sonneman@blm.gov](mailto:Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Adam Merrill, Solid Minerals Group, at (202) 912-7044 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Merrill. You may also contact Mr. Merrill to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations and forms that require this collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be provided an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies information collections that are contained in 43 CFR subpart 3809. The BLM will request that the OMB approve this information collection activity for a 3-year term.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information