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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0029; OMB No. 1660-0095]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Flood Insurance Program Claims Appeals Process

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning revision of the National Flood Insurance Claims Appeals Process. The appeal process establishes a formal mechanism to allow policyholders to appeal the decisions of any insurance agent, adjuster, insurance company, or any FEMA employee or contractor, in cases or unsatisfactory decisions on claims, proof of loss, and loss estimates.

Under this process, FEMA sends the NFIP Flood Insurance Claims Handbook to the policyholder (upon completion of signed policy), which explains to them the appeals process. If the policyholder wishes to appeal a claims decision, that policyholder may appeal it to FEMA. FEMA will acknowledge receipt of a policyholder's appeal in writing and advise such policyholder if additional information is required in order to fully consider the appeal. FEMA will review the documentation submitted by the policyholder, conduct any necessary additional investigation, and advise, both the policyholder and the appropriate flood insurance carrier, of its decision regarding the appeal.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 19, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID FEMA-2011-0029. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Docket Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

(4) *E-mail.* Submit comments to [FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov). Include Docket ID FEMA-2011-0029 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis Kuhns, Division Director, Risk Insurance Division, 202-212-0429 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: [FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 205 of The Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, Public Law 108-264 Section 205, 42 U.S.C. 4011 note, requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish by regulation an additional process for the appeal of decisions of flood insurance claims issued through the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA's regulation at 44 CFR 62.20 details the appeals process.

The process requires policyholders to submit a written appeal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Mitigation Directorate/Risk Insurance Division), in the form of a signed letter explaining the nature of their claim appeal, names and titles of persons contacted, dates of contact, contact information, and details of the contact relevant to their claim appeal. These

requirements are spelled out to policyholders in the aforementioned NFIP Flood Insurance Claims Handbook. The policyholders are also required to state the basis for their appeal and submit supporting documentation including a copy of the insurer's written denial, in whole or in part, of the claim.

#### Collection of Information

*Title:* National Flood Insurance Program Claims Appeals Process.

*Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*OMB Number:* 1660-0095.

*Form Titles and Numbers:* None.

*Abstract:* The NFIP claims appeals process requires policyholders to submit a written appeal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Mitigation Directorate/Risk Insurance Division), in the form of a signed letter explaining the nature of their claim appeal, names and titles of persons contacted, dates of contact, contact information, and details of the contact relevant to their claim appeal. The policyholders are also required to state the basis for their appeal and submit supporting documentation including a copy of the insurer's written denial, in whole or in part, of the claim.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and Business or other-for-profits.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2110 hours.

*Estimated Cost:* The cost to policyholders would be an annual cost of \$464.20 for postage.

#### Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 responses.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5556-D-01]

### Consolidated Delegation of Authority for the Office of Community Planning and Development

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of delegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** This notice updates, clarifies, and consolidates delegations of authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 4, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David H. Enzel, Director, Office of Technical Assistance and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7228, Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone number 202-402-5557. (This is not a toll-free number.) For those needing assistance, this number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service number at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Today's **Federal Register** notice updates, clarifies, and consolidates into one notice the authority delegated by the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs. Clarification of program authorities under existing CPD delegations includes the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster recovery grants, and homeless assistance programs under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This notice supersedes all previous delegations to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development and the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for

Community Planning and Development, including the delegation published on September 16, 2003 (68 FR 5423). Published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** are notices of redelegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development to subordinate employees within the Office of Community Planning and Development.

#### Section A. Authority Delegated

Except as provided in Section B, the Secretary of HUD delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs the authority of the Secretary with respect to the programs and matters listed below in this Section A. Only the Assistant Secretary is delegated the authority to issue or waive regulations covered by section 7(q) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)).

1. The AIDS Housing Opportunity Act, Title VIII, Subtitle D of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, Public Law 101-625, 104 Stat. 4079 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 12901-12912); 24 CFR part 574;
2. The Base Closure, Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, Public Law 103-421, 108 Stat. 4346 (codified as amended at 10 U.S.C. 2687 note); 24 CFR part 586;
3. Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants, Section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993, Public Law 103-120, 107 Stat. 1148 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 9816 note);
4. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategies (CHAS), Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, Public Law 101-625, 104 Stat. 4079 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 12701 *et seq.*); 24 CFR part 91;
5. Economic Development Initiative grants, as provided for in annual HUD appropriations acts (e.g., the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, Fiscal Year 2003, Public Law 108-7, 117 Stat. 11 (2003));
6. Urban Empowerment Zones (EZ), as authorized under title 26, subtitle A, chapter 1, subchapter U of the Internal Revenue Code (codified as amended at 26 U.S.C. 1391 *et seq.*); 24 CFR parts 597 and 598;
7. The HOME Investment Partnerships Act, Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, Public Law 101-625, 104 Stat. 4079 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 12721 *et seq.*); 24 CFR part 92;
8. The Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund under Section 4 of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996, Public Law 104-155, 110 Stat. 1392 (codified at 18 U.S.C. 241 note); 24 CFR part 573;
9. Neighborhood Initiatives grants specifically designated in annual HUD appropriations acts (e.g., the Consolidated

Appropriations Act 2010, Public Law 111-117, 123 Stat. 3034 (2009));

10. The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), as authorized under the Homelessness Prevention Fund heading of Division A, Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115;

11. The Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Section 1338 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, added by Section 1131 of Public Law 110-289, 122 Stat. 2654 (codified at 12 U.S.C. 4568);

12. Rural Innovation Fund grants as provided for in annual HUD appropriations act(s) (e.g., the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010, Public Law 111-117, 123 Stat. 3084 (2009));

13. The Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP), as authorized under the HOME Investments Partnerships Program heading of Division A, Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 155, 220-21;

14. The Self-Help Housing Opportunity Program (SHOP) under section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, Public Law 104-120, 110 Stat. 834 (codified at 42 U.S.C. 12805 note);

15. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building awards authorized under any program or matter delegated under Section A (e.g., section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, Public Law 100-242, 101 Stat. 1815 (1988)) and as provided for in annual and supplemental HUD appropriations acts (e.g., the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010, Public Law 111-117, 123 Stat. 3093 (2009));

16. Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, 88 Stat. 633 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*); 24 CFR part 570, including the following:

- a. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program;
- b. The Section 108 loan guarantee program;
- c. Economic development grants pursuant to Section 108(q);
- d. Neighborhood Stabilization programs under the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, Public Law 110-289, 122 Stat. 2850; Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115; and Section 1497 of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 5301 note);
- e. CDBG Disaster Recovery Grants as provided for in annual and supplemental HUD appropriations acts; and
- f. Appalachian Regional Commission grants pursuant to section 214 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, Public Law 89-4, 79 Stat. 5 (codified as amended at 40 U.S.C. 14507) and consistent with the CDBG program authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, 88 Stat. 633 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*).

17. Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Public Law 100-