

working in target areas approved by HUD prior to the effective date of this notice, but any amendments made to NSP2 for new target areas must qualify based on information from the new data.

#### Amendment to FY 2009 NSP2 NOFA

The FY2009 NSP2 NOFA posted on May 4, 2009, under Docket No. FR-5321-N-01, as modified by Docket No. FR-5321-C-02, issued June 11, 2009,<sup>3</sup> is amended by revising Paragraph II.B.8.b., pertaining to Geographic Need to replace paragraph b.2. in its entirety so that paragraph 8.b. reads as follows:

b. For applicants proposing to carry out NSP2 activities, the neighborhoods identified must meet one or the other of the following requirements (you may only select one method):

(1) The average foreclosure needs index score for the identified target geography must be 18 or greater, as indicated by the index; or

(2) For any target area change after May 21, 2013, the individual or average combined index score for all new target areas in the grantee's geography must be not less than the lesser of 17 or the twentieth percentile most needy score in an individual state. The scores for target areas approved prior to May 21, 2013 will not be included in the average combined index score for the new target areas and grantees may continue to use NSP2 funds in those prior approved target areas.

Dated: May 10, 2013.

**Mark Johnston,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5447-N-02]

### Notice of Formula Allocations and Program Requirements for Neighborhood Stabilization Programs 1 and 3 (NSP1 and NSP3) Formula Grants; Amendment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of allocation method, waivers granted, alternative requirements applied, and statutory program requirements; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** On October 19, 2010, HUD published a notice regarding formulation allocations made under two NSP grant (formula grant) programs—

NSP1 and NSP3. This document makes changes to the notice to allow NSP1 and require NSP3 grantees to use an updated foreclosure needs map and associated needs index score in selecting geographic target areas.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 21, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7286, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number 202-708-3587.

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Gimont at 202-401-2044. (Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On October 19, 2010, at 75 FR 64322, HUD published in the **Federal Register** a notice pertaining to both NSP1 and NSP3 (referred to as the Unified Notice), which advised the public of the allocation formula and allocation amounts, the list of grantees, alternative requirements, and the waivers of regulations granted to grantees under Section 2301(b) of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-289, approved July 30, 2008) (HERA), as amended, and an additional allocation of funds provided under Section 1497 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-203, approved July 21, 2010) (Dodd-Frank Act) for the purpose of assisting in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes. Except where provided for otherwise, these amounts are distributed based on funding formulas for such amounts established by the Secretary in accordance with HERA.

HUD's notice pertaining to NSP1, published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2008, at 73 FR 58330, gave NSP1 grantees the flexibility to carry out activities in area(s) of greatest need as defined by the grantee. The notice asked grantees to describe in the NSP1 substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan how the funds would be distributed to meet the requirements of Section 2301(c)(2) of HERA. At the time of publication of the NSP1 notice, HUD was not able to provide national data on home foreclosures to assist grantees in selecting NSP1 target areas. However, HUD encouraged NSP1 grantees to use

publicly available data, if such data covered their communities, and to use the nationwide data by neighborhood when HUD launched the needs mapping tool in June 2009.

HUD's Unified Notice requires NSP3 grantees to carry out activities in a HUD-approved target area. HUD developed a foreclosure needs map Web site to assist grantees in selecting target areas that meet the criteria for NSP3 funding. NSP1 grantees were encouraged to use the Web site as they adjusted their plans. The foreclosure needs map provides foreclosure-related needs scores based on grantee-selected target geography. A grantee uses the tool to draw the outline of a targeted neighborhood. When the grantee saves its selection, the tool produces a report that indicates whether the selected area meets the NSP3 criteria. The data that produces the needs scores is now dated and in many cases the data no longer reflects the effects of foreclosures on the housing markets in NSP1 or NSP3 target areas.

#### Updated Foreclosure Data for Use by NSP1 and NSP3 Grantees

HUD has updated this data and it is now available for use by NSP1 and NSP3 grantees. The data combines foreclosures, pre-foreclosures, real-estate-owned, and vacant property transactions from March 2011 through September 2012.

*For NSP1 Grantees:* The updated data is available to NSP1 grantees for use in determining and designating areas of greatest need.

*For NSP3 Grantees:* From the effective date of this notice published in today's edition of the **Federal Register**, all NSP3 grantees must begin using the updated foreclosure needs map Web site when amending their currently approved target areas. NSP3 grantees may continue to work in target areas approved by HUD prior to the effective date of this Notice, but any amendments made to select new NSP3 target areas from the effective date of this Notice must qualify based on information from the new maps and data.

#### Amendment to Unified Notice

Paragraph II. B.2.a.ii of HUD's Unified Notice, at 75 FR 64327, pertaining to contents of the NSP Action Plan, and, with respect to subparagraph ii, pertaining to the neighborhood or neighborhoods identified by the NSP3 grantee as being the areas of greatest need, is revised by adding the following undesignated paragraph:

Effective for any target area change after May 21, 2013, the individual or average combined index score for all

<sup>3</sup> [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC\\_14165.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_14165.pdf).

new target areas in the grantee's geography must be not less than the lesser of 17 or the 20th percentile most needy score in an individual state. The scores for target areas approved prior to May 21, 2013 will not be included in the average combined index score for the new target areas and grantees may continue to use NSP3 funds in those prior approved target areas.

Dated: May 10, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

[Docket ID BSEE-2013-0001; OMB Control Number 1014-0010; 134E1700D2 EEEE500000 ET1SF0000.DAQ000]

#### Information Collection Activities: Decommissioning Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns a renewal to the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart Q, *Decommissioning Activities*.

**DATES:** You must submit comments by July 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- Electronically: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled *Enter Keyword or ID*, enter BSEE-2013-0001 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- Email [nicole.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nicole.mason@bsee.gov). Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; BSEE; Regulations and Standards Branch; Attention: Nicole Mason; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1014-0010 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Mason, Regulations and

Standards Branch at (703) 787-1605 to request additional information about this ICR.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart Q, Decommissioning Activities.

*OMB Control Number:* 1014-0010.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the leasing provisions of that Act related to mineral resources on the OCS.

In addition to the general authority of OCSLA, section 301(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1751(a), grants authority to the Secretary to prescribe such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out FOGRMA's provisions. While the majority of FOGRMA is directed to royalty collection and enforcement, some provisions apply to offshore operations. For example, section 109(c)(2) and (d)(1), 30 U.S.C. 1719(c)(2) and (d)(1), impose substantial civil penalties for failure to permit lawful inspections and for knowing or willful preparation or submission of false, inaccurate, or misleading reports, records, or other information. The Secretary has delegated some of the authority under FOGRMA to BSEE.

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-133, 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996), and OMB Circular A-25, authorize Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that confer special benefits. Applications for permits to drill and modification approvals are subject to cost recovery, and BSEE regulations specify service fees for these requests.

This authority and responsibility are among those delegated BSEE. The regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart Q, concern decommissioning of platforms, wells, and pipelines, as well as site clearance and platform removal and are the subject of this collection. This request also covers the related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NLTs) that BSEE issues to clarify, supplement, or provide additional guidance on some aspects of our regulations.

Regulations at 30 CFR 250, Subpart Q, implement these statutory requirements. We use the information for the following reasons:

- To determine the necessity for allowing a well to be temporarily abandoned, the lessee/operator must

demonstrate that there is a reason for not permanently abandoning the well, and the temporary abandonment will not constitute a significant threat to fishing, navigation, or other uses of the seabed. We use the information and documentation to verify that the lessee is diligently pursuing the final disposition of the well, and the lessee has performed the temporary plugging of the wellbore.

- The information submitted in initial decommissioning plans in the Alaska and Pacific OCS Regions will permit BSEE to become involved on the ground floor planning of platform removals anticipated to occur in these OCS regions.

- Site clearance and platform or pipeline removal information ensures that all objects (wellheads, platforms, etc.) installed on the OCS are properly removed using procedures that will protect marine life and the environment during removal operations, and the site cleared so as not to conflict with or harm other uses of the OCS.

- Decommissioning a pipeline in place is needed to ensure that it will not constitute a hazard to navigation and commercial fishing operations, unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS, or have adverse environmental effects.

- The information is necessary to verify that decommissioning activities comply with approved applications and procedures and are satisfactorily completed.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, *Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection*. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, or sulphur lessees and/or operators.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 19,613 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.