

Analysis

Agency: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, DHS.

Title: Case Assistance Form (Ombudsman Form DHS-7001 and Instructions).

OMB Number: 1601-0004.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Number of Respondents: 8,800.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 8,800.

Dated: January 5, 2015.

Carlene C. Ieto,

Executive Director, Enterprise Business Management Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0077]

The Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council Charter.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) in a **Federal Register** Notice (71 FR 14930-14933) dated March 24, 2006, which identified the purpose of CIPAC, as well as its membership. This notice provides the revised charter signed by Secretary Jeh Johnson on December 7, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renee Murphy, Designated Federal Officer, Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council, Sector Outreach and Programs Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0607, Arlington, VA 20598-0607; telephone: (703) 603-5083; email: CIPAC@dhs.gov.
Responsible DHS Official: Renee Murphy, Designated Federal Officer for the CIPAC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Notice of CIPAC Charter Revisions:* The Secretary of Homeland Security extended the CIPAC Charter on March 18, 2014 for a period of two years. This charter has now been revised to further clarify the participation by federally registered

lobbyists per the guidance released by the Office of Management and Budget in **Federal Register** Notice 79 FR 47482 released on August 13, 2014. The revised charter was signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security on December 7, 2014. The current CIPAC charter is available on the CIPAC Web site (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>).

Purpose and Activity: The CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the critical infrastructure sectors defined by Presidential Policy Directive 21 and identified in *National Infrastructure Protection Plan 2013: Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience* (NIPP 2013). The scope of activities covered by the CIPAC includes: Planning; coordinating among government and critical infrastructure owner and operator security partners; implementing security program initiatives; conducting operational activities related to critical infrastructure protection security measures, incident response, recovery, and infrastructure resilience; reconstituting critical infrastructure assets and systems for both manmade and naturally occurring events; and sharing threat, vulnerability, risk mitigation, and infrastructure continuity information.

Organizational Structure: The NIPP 2013 organizes the critical infrastructure community into 16 critical infrastructure sectors. Each of these sectors has a Government Coordinating Council (GCC) whose membership includes: (i) A lead Federal agency that is defined as the Sector-Specific Agency; (ii) all relevant Federal, State, local, tribal, and/or territorial government agencies (or their representative bodies) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the CIPAC activities for that particular sector; and (iii) a Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) whose membership includes critical infrastructure owners and/or operators or their representative trade associations.

CIPAC Membership: CIPAC Membership may include:

(i) Critical Infrastructure (CI) owner and operator members of a DHS-recognized Sector SCC, including their representative trade associations or equivalent organization members of an SCC as determined by the SCC.

(ii) Federal, State, local, and tribal governmental entities comprising the members of the GCC for each sector, including their representative organizations; members of the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial

Government Coordinating Council; and representatives of other Federal agencies with responsibility for CI activities.

CIPAC membership is organizational. Multiple individuals may participate in CIPAC activities on behalf of a member organization.

Dated: January 7, 2015.

Renee Murphy,

Designated Federal Officer for the CIPAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2550-14; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2007-0028]

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Extension of the Designation of El Salvador for Temporary Protected Status

Correction

In notice document 2015-00031 beginning on page 893 in the issue of Wednesday, January 7, make the following correction:

On page 893, in the third column, in the 7th line, "March 9, 2015" should read "March 9, 2015".

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5654-N-02]

Section 8 Housing Assistance Programs Proposed Management and Occupancy Review Schedule

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, FHA solicits comment from interested members of the public on HUD's proposed Management and Occupancy Review (MOR) schedule for the seven project-based Section 8 programs administered by the Office of Multifamily Housing. This proposed schedule will reduce the frequency of unnecessary MORs, thereby minimizing interruptions in property operations created by onsite reviews, preserving staff time, and reducing costs. The proposed schedule ties the project's annual MOR rating with HUD's new

risk-based asset management model rating to determine the frequency of a project's MOR. This proposed schedule is being published for comment concurrently with a proposed rule, found elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, proposing to amend the program regulations to follow this MOR schedule or any subsequent MOR schedule published by HUD in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: *Comment Due Date.* March 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this rule to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

2. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit comments, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the www.regulations.gov Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the rule.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance

appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about management and occupancy reviews contact Lauryn Alleva, Program Administration Office, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone number 202-708-3730 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access these numbers through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (this is a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) authorizes one of HUD's primary programs for providing rental housing assistance (Section 8). The purpose of Section 8 is to provide low-income families with decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing. There are seven project-based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) programs administered by the Office of Multifamily Housing: the HAP program for New Construction (24 CFR part 880) and the HAP program for Substantial Rehabilitation (24 CFR part 881), which provide rental assistance in connection with the development of newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated privately owned rental housing; the HAP Program for State Housing Agencies (24 CFR part 883); the HAP program for New Construction financed under Section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (24 CFR part 884), which applies to U.S. Department of Agriculture rural rental housing projects; the Loan Management Set Aside Program (24 CFR part 886, subpart A), which provides rental subsidies to HUD-insured or HUD-held multifamily properties experiencing immediate or potential financial difficulties; the Housing Assistance Program for the Disposition of HUD-Owned Projects (24 CFR part 886, subpart C), which provides Section 8 assistance in connection with the sale of HUD-owned multifamily rental housing projects and the foreclosure of HUD-held mortgages on rental housing projects; and the Section 202/8 Program (24 CFR part 891, subpart E), which

provides assistance for housing projects serving elderly or families and individuals with disabilities.

Under the Section 8 project-based program, HUD may enter into an annual contributions contract (ACC) with a public housing agency (PHA) through which HUD commits to provide the agency with funds to make housing assistance payments to a project owner. The PHA, acting as a contract administrator, then enters into a HAP contract with the owner. In certain circumstances HUD may act as the contract administrator, whereby HUD will directly enter into a HAP contract with an owner.

Contract administrators in the above-listed Section 8 programs are responsible for assessing the management and oversight of housing projects and for ensuring that owners comply with the requirements of the HAP contract. To assess an owner's compliance with the terms and conditions of its HAP contract, contract administrators are required under the terms of their ACCs to conduct MORs. Completion of MORs can require Contract administrators to visit the site and can cause interruption in project operations. The Contract administrator spends approximately 8 hours of staff time and additional resources to review every project. HUD has found that over the last three years projects have been rated "Above Average" or "Superior" 35 percent of the time, "Satisfactory" 57 percent of the time, and "Below Average" or "Unsatisfactory" eight percent of the time. A full or limited review of all projects, including those that consistently receive high ratings, puts a strain on HUD and project resources.

A proposed rule found elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** proposes to revise the regulations that govern MORs for Section 8 HAP projects to provide consistency across programs and allow HUD the flexibility to set a schedule that is more in-line with the needs of the programs. Reducing the frequency of MORs for these properties would result in fewer interruptions in project operations and would allow HUD to focus its staff and resources on areas that require greater attention.

II. This Notice

This notice proposes to require MORs of projects on a schedule that is based on both the project's annual MOR rating and HUD's risk-based asset management model. The purpose of the MOR is to establish the quality of management at HUD subsidized projects, and to verify the project's compliance with the terms of the HAP Contract, any HUD

Regulatory Agreement, and the Management Agreement and Management Plan, as applicable. The project's annual MOR rating, provided by the Contract administrator, assists HUD in its assessment of the project's risk of failure. Over the past two years, HUD has implemented a risk-based asset management model that incorporates the evaluation of both qualitative and quantitative elements into a comprehensive property level rating. The risk rating model helps HUD prioritize resources by identifying the risk of a project and the allocation of human capital to riskier assets. This rating translates to a classification of Troubled, Potentially Troubled, or Not Troubled (hereafter referred to as the risk classification).

The proposed Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program MOR schedule will use this new risk-based

classification in combination with the previous MOR score to determine the future schedule of MORs for all Section 8 projects in the Office of Multifamily Housing's portfolio. HUD has found that when a project is performing well, risk of failure is lower. Additionally, the Office of Multifamily Housing has found that many of the properties receiving assistance under its Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments program receive high marks on the MOR annually indicating that conducting MORs annually is not necessary to mitigate risk at these properties. Using this new MORs schedule, HUD may focus staff and resources on projects that warrant greater attention.

The schedule will be as follows: (1) Projects with a *Below Average or Unsatisfactory score* on the last MOR and a risk classification of *Troubled, Potentially Troubled, or Not Troubled,*

must have a MOR within 12 months of the last MOR conducted at the project. (2) Projects with a *Satisfactory score* on the last MOR and a risk classification of *Troubled or Potentially Troubled,* must have a MOR within 24 months of the last MOR conducted at the project. Additionally, projects with an *Above Average or Superior score* on the last MOR and a risk classification of *Troubled,* must have a MOR within 24 months of the last MOR conducted at the project. (3) Projects with a *Satisfactory score* on the last MOR and a risk classification of *Not Troubled,* must have a MOR within 36 months of the last MOR conducted at the project. Additionally, projects with an *Above Average or Superior score* on the last MOR and a risk classification of *Potentially Troubled or Not Troubled,* must have a MOR within 36 months of the last MOR conducted at the project.

	Last MOR: Unsatisfactory	Last MOR: Below average	Last MOR: Satisfactory	Last MOR: Above average	Last MOR: Superior
Risk Classification: Troubled	Within 12 months	Within 12 months	Within 24 months	Within 24 months	Within 24 months.
Risk Classification: Potentially Troubled	Within 12 months	Within 12 months	Within 24 months	Within 36 months	Within 36 months.
Risk Classification: Not Troubled	Within 12 months	Within 12 months	Within 36 months	Within 36 months	Within 36 months.

This notice does not restrict HUD or the Contract Administrator from conducting additional MORs outside of this schedule pursuant to existing and future administrative guidelines.

III. Findings and Certifications

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements for this notice has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520) and assigned OMB control number 2502–0178. The collection requirement will be amended to reflect this notice's reduced burden. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This notice would amend the frequency of the Management and Occupancy Review (MOR) schedule for the seven project-based Section 8 programs listed-above. The collection title is, "Management Reviews of Multifamily Housing Programs" and the current burden is 8 hours for each of the 24,366 annual reviews, 194,928 total burden hours. This notice is estimated to reduce the burden in the existing information collection requirement as follows:

REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING BURDEN

Information collection	Number of respondents	Number of annual responses	Estimated average time for requirement (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
<i>Current:</i> 2102–0178	24,366	24,366	8.00	194,928
<i>Proposed:</i> 2102–0178	21,680	6,598	8.00	52,781
Percentage of Burden Change	Estimated net reduction of burden			73%

In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), HUD is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of information to:

(1) 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.

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information.

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

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

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the information collection requirements in this rule. Comments must refer to the proposed rule by name and docket

number (FR-5654-P-01) and must be sent to:

HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Fax number: 202-395-6947

and

Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9128, Washington, DC 20410.

Interested persons may submit comments regarding the information collection requirements electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Environmental Review

This notice provides operating instructions and procedures in connection with activities under provisions of Section 8 project-based assistance program regulations that have been the subject of a required environmental review. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(4), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Dated: December 11, 2014.

Biniam Gebre,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group (USEITI MSG) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resource Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next four meetings of the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) Advisory Committee.

Dates and Times: The four meetings in 2015 will occur on February 24-25, 2015; May 20-21, 2015; September 16-17, 2015; and December 15-16, 2015; in Washington, DC, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, unless we indicate otherwise at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca, where we will post agendas, meeting logistics, and meeting materials prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the North and South Penthouse of the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building located at 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240. Members of the public may attend in person or view documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at <http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t> and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-455-2910 and International Toll number 210-839-8953 (passcode: 7741096).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosita Compton Christian, USEITI Secretariat; 1849 C Street NW., MS 4211; Washington, DC 20240. You may also contact the USEITI Secretariat via email at useiti@ios.doi.gov, by phone at 202-208-0272, or by fax at 202-513-0682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of the Interior established the USEITI Advisory Committee (Committee) on July 26, 2012, to serve as the USEITI multi-stakeholder group. More information about the Committee, including its charter, is available at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda items for the February 24-25, 2015, meeting will include review, discussion, and agreement on the Independent Administrator's (IA) proposed revenue reporting template, the Data Collection and Reconciliation, and the Contextual Data Report Plans for the 2015 USEITI Report. The agenda for the May 20-21, 2015, meeting will include the review and discussion of the IA draft Reconciliation Report and discussion of the contextual information for the 2015 USEITI Report. The agenda for the September 16-17, 2015, meeting will include a review and discussion of the initial draft USEITI Report and determination of consistency with EITI requirements. The agenda for the December 15-16, 2015, meeting will include discussion and agreement on the final USEITI Report, drafting of the

annual work-plan to meet all EITI requirements, and planning for 2016. We will post the final agendas and materials for all meetings on the USEITI MSG Web site at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca. All Committee meetings are open to the public.

Whenever possible, we encourage those participating by telephone to gather in conference rooms in order to share teleconference lines. Please plan to dial into the meeting and/or log into WebEx at least 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to avoid possible technical difficulties. We will accommodate individuals with special needs whenever possible. If you require special assistance (such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired), please notify Interior staff in advance of the meeting at 202-208-0272 or via email at useiti@ios.doi.gov.

We will post the minutes from these proceedings on the USEITI MSG Web site at www.doi.gov/eiti/faca and they will also be available for public inspection and copying at our office at the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building in Washington, DC, by contacting Interior staff at useiti@ios.doi.gov or by telephone at 202-208-0272. For more information on USEITI, visit www.doi.gov/eiti.

Dated: December 18, 2014.

Paul A. Mussenden,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Natural Resource Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-ES-2014-N103; FXES1113040000C2-145-FF04E00000]

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Availability of a Technical/Agency Draft Recovery Plan for the Laurel Dace

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the technical/agency draft recovery plan for the endangered laurel dace, a small fish native to the Tennessee River Basin in Tennessee. The draft recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria to be met in order for us to downlist the species to threatened status or delist it under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We request review and comment on this