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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, as Amended

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Acting Secretary of Homeland Security has determined, pursuant to law, that it is necessary to waive certain laws, regulations, and other legal requirements in order to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the international land border in Webb County, Texas, and Zapata County, Texas.

DATES: This determination takes effect on May 15, 2020.


Determination and Waiver

Section 1

The United States Border Patrol’s (Border Patrol) Laredo Sector is an area of high illegal entry. In fiscal year 2019, the Border Patrol apprehended over 38,000 illegal aliens attempting to enter the United States between border crossings in the Laredo Sector. In that same time period, the Border Patrol had over 400 drug-related events between border crossings in the Laredo Sector, through which it seized over 36,000 pounds of marijuana, over 500 pounds of cocaine, over 28 pounds of heroin, and over 500 pounds of methamphetamine.

Overall, the illegal levels of illegal entry within the Laredo Sector, I must use my authority under section 102 of IIRIRA to install additional physical barriers and roads in the Laredo Sector. Therefore, DHS will take immediate action to construct barriers and roads. The area in the vicinity of the border within which such construction will occur is more specifically described in Section 2 below.

Section 2

I determine that the following area in the vicinity of the United States border, located in the State of Texas within the Laredo Sector, is an area of high illegal entry (the “project area”):

• Starting at the Columbia Solidarity International Bridge and generally following the Rio Grande River south and east to approximately one-half (0.5) of a mile south of the southern boundary of the city limits of San Ignacio, Texas.

There is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads in the vicinity of the border of the United States in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States in the project area pursuant to sections 102(a) and 102(b) of IIRIRA. In order to ensure the expeditious construction of the barriers and roads in the project area, I have determined that it is necessary that I exercise the authority that is vested in me by section 102(c) of IIRIRA.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 102(c) of IIRIRA, I hereby waive in their entirety, with respect to the construction of physical barriers and roads (including, but not limited to, accessing the project areas, creating and using staging areas, the conduct of earthwork, excavation, fill, and site preparation, and installation and upkeep of physical barriers, roads, supporting elements, drainage, erosion controls, safety features, lighting, cameras, and sensors) in the project area, all of the following statutes, including all federal, state, or other laws, regulations, and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to the subject of, the following statutes, as amended:

delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to Chad R. Mizelle, who is the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel for DHS, for purposes of publication in the Federal Register.

Chad R. Mizelle,
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the General Counsel.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Allocation of Operating Funds under the Operating Fund Formula: Data Collection.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0029.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collections.

Form Number: HUD–52722 and HUD–52723.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) use this information in budget submissions which are reviewed and approved by HUD field offices as the basis for obligating the operating fund grant. This information is necessary to calculate the eligibility for the operating fund grant under the Operating Funding Program regulations, as amended. The Operating Fund is designed to provide the amount of operating funds needed for well-managed PHAs. PHAs submit the information electronically with these forms.

The following changes occurred in this submission. The form no longer includes blocks 4. Unit Change Indicator and 5. Rate Reduction Incentive. The form includes adjustments to improve the workflow of the form. Adjustments include changes to formatting and adding Line 19 Total base utilities expense level for PHAs, improves data integrity, and improves the availability of the forms to PHAs without access to the web-based forms is limited to subset PHAs that initially the collection by web-based forms is targeted in the launch of the web-based collection. HUD–52722 and HUD–52723.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7028–N–01; OMB Control No. 2577–0029]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Allocation of Operating Fund Grant Under the Operating Fund Formula: Data Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, PIH, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: July 14, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–4564 or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Smith.