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David J. Barram,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

43 CFR Part 12

Requirements for Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions; Clarification of Policy

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Clarification of applicability of policy.

SUMMARY: This document provides clarification of Departmental policy concerning the applicability of the final version of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions," published on April 30, 1996 (61 FR 19134-19150). It is the intent of the Department that this revised version of OMB Circular A-133 apply to awards made by the Department and its bureaus and offices as applicable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The clarification of the applicability of the policy is effective August 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra E. Sonderman, (Director, Procurement and Property Management Systems), (202) 208-3336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget published a revised version of Circular A-133 on April 30, 1996 (61 FR 19134-19150). Paragraph 6, *Required Action*, of the final revision of the Circular requires that agencies making awards to non-profit organizations, either directly or indirectly, shall adopt the language in the Circular in codified regulations not later than November 30, 1996, unless different provisions are required by Federal statute or are approved by OMB. The Department already has published permanent regulations incorporating the Circular. See 43 CFR 12.2(b)(2) and 43 CFR 12.2(b)(3). 43 CFR 12.2(c) also makes any changes to the Circular published in the Federal Register a part of the regulation.

The Department adopted the Common Rule on "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" at 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C. In addition, promulgation of the regulation, "Uniform Administrative

Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations," in subpart F, implements OMB Circular A-110.

43 CFR 12.66(b)(1) requires that State or local governments determine whether subgrantees covered by OMB Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations," have met audit requirements. 43 CFR 12.926 refers to the applicability of OMB Circular A-133. Neither regulation identifies the specific version of the Circular to which it is referring. Nevertheless, because the Department's regulatory language at 43 CFR 12.2(c) indicates that any changes published in the Federal Register apply, the Department interprets our regulation to mean that the April 30, 1996, publication of the revised OMB Circular A-133 applies, according to the conditions stated in the Circular.

Therefore, the Department is clarifying that the April 30, 1996, version of the Circular is adopted without further promulgation of regulations. Until OMB issues another version, any reference to OMB Circular A-133 after the effective date for the Circular means the April 30, 1996, version.

Dated: July 23, 1996.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 64

[Docket No. FEMA-7645]

List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule identifies communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These communities have applied to the program and have agreed to enact certain floodplain management measures. The communities' participation in the program authorizes the sale of flood insurance to owners of property located in the communities listed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The dates listed in the third column of the table.

ADDRESSES: Flood insurance policies for property located in the communities listed can be obtained from any licensed property insurance agent or broker serving the eligible community, or from the NFIP at: Post Office Box 6464, Rockville, MD 20849, (800) 638-6620.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert F. Shea, Jr., Division Director, Program Implementation Division, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street, SW., room 417, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance which is generally not otherwise available. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management measures aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Since the communities on the attached list have recently entered the NFIP, subsidized flood insurance is now available for property in the community.

In addition, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has identified the special flood hazard areas in some of these communities by publishing a Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The date of the flood map, if one has been published, is indicated in the fourth column of the table. In the communities listed where a flood map has been published, Section 102 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4012(a), requires the purchase of flood insurance as a condition of Federal or federally related financial assistance for acquisition or construction of buildings in the special flood hazard areas shown on the map.

The Director finds that the delayed effective dates would be contrary to the public interest. The Director also finds that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are impracticable and unnecessary.

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Considerations. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Acting Associate Director certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U. S. C. 601 *et seq.*, because the rule creates no additional