DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2013–0024; OMB No. 1660–0022]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to oira.submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Records Management Division, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 20598–3005, facsimile number (202) 646–3347, or email address FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Collection of Information

Title: Community Rating System (CRS) Program—Application, Worksheets and Commentary.

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

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 086–0–35, Community Rating System Application Letter of Interest and Quick Check Instructions; FEMA Form 086–0–35A, Community Annual Recertification; and FEMA Form 086–0–35B, Environmental and Historic Preservation Certifications.

Abstract: The CRS Application and Certifications are used by communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) to document activities that communities have undertaken to mitigate against future flood losses. The CRS Application and Certifications provide a step-by-step process for communities to follow in their efforts to achieve the maximum amount of discount on flood insurance premiums. CRS is a voluntary program where flood insurance costs are reduced in communities that implement practices, such as building codes and public education activities, that are recognized as reducing risks of flooding and promoting the purchase of flood insurance.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,274.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 32,908 hours.

Estimated Cost: There are no estimated operational, maintenance, capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection.

Dated: November 7, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Emergency Approval of an Information Collection: Regional Analysis of Impediments Guidance for Sustainable Communities Grantees

Notice of Emergency Approval of an Information Collection: Regional Analysis of Impediments Guidance for Sustainable Communities Grantees

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HUD has requested from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) emergency approval of the information collection described in this notice.

DATES: Comments Due Date: November 18, 2013.

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: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5806. Email: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynnette McRae, Grants Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Lynnette McRae at lynnette.mcrae@hud.gov or telephone 202–402–2102. This is not a toll-free number. 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. McRae.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Regional Analysis of Impediments Guidance for Sustainable Communities Grantees.

OMB Approval Number: N/A.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD’s Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities presently requires all Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Regional Planning grantees to complete a Fair Housing Equity Assessment. The grantees each have the option of choosing to develop a Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) in lieu of the FHEA, which (if prepared in accordance with the standards set forth below and in the Fair Housing Planning Guide) would fulfill the FHEA requirement as well as the HUD AFFH regulatory requirement for any participating jurisdiction or state that signed on. The option to prepare a regional AI also offers SCI grantees an opportunity to develop more meaningful deliverables while conserving resources and reducing duplication. This guidance, a written product reflecting the information shared in the 2012 online webinars, will assist grantees in structuring their fair housing analyses.

Respondents: Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grantees.