

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6562–N–01]

Notice of Recipient Financial Reporting Demonstration

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Financial Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, HUD solicits comments on a demonstration designed to increase understanding of how enhanced recipient reporting can help reduce the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse across grant programs. The demonstration will focus on testing HUD's design for a reporting portal to collect and analyze supporting financial evidence from recipients, including subrecipient information, to ensure that it is sufficient for its intended purpose. HUD will also refine the portal based on recommendations from participants. The demonstration will allow participants to increase HUD's understanding of the business process changes that may be needed by recipients in this future state. Approximately nine voluntary participants from three HUD grant programs will be included in this demonstration.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* November 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10284, 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. Electronic Submission of Comments. Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://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 www.regulations.gov website 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.

2. Submission of Comments by Mail. Members of the public may submit comments or requests for reevaluation by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10284, Washington, DC 20410–0500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Min Guo, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202–402–7851 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as from individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal government has a duty to the American public to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are spent responsibly and only for permitted purposes. In many of HUD's programs, the funds are awarded to grantees, who then have the responsibility for restricting the use of grant funds to legally eligible expenses. However, there is not a consolidated, consistent mechanism for HUD to confirm that grantees are spending their funds properly. This demonstration is intended to test one such way of adding additional oversight to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.

II. Demonstration

HUD will design and develop a recipient financial reporting portal to allow recipients of HUD funds from the Public Housing, Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery, and Continuum of Care programs to upload supporting evidence (e.g., receipts, invoices, or pay records) to justify grant expenditures. The demonstration will allow HUD to test how to increase grantee accountability while increasing HUD's understanding of the business and technical requirements for a reporting portal and grantees' resources and ability to use such a system.

A. Increasing Transparency, Efficiency, and Compliance

Through the demonstration, HUD will gain a greater understanding of current reporting burdens and what grant recipients need to meet future reporting requirements. Specifically, this demonstration will validate that every dollar received from HUD is accounted

for, thereby promoting trust and accountability. Further, the demonstration's centralized system will seek to streamline the reporting process for recipients, making it easier to manage and submit required information. Finally, this demonstration aims to facilitate recipients' adherence to federal requirements regarding the use of federal funds.

HUD will use this demonstration to evaluate the quality and completeness of the evidence submitted through the preliminary portal to ensure that HUD funds are being used the way they were intended. The demonstration will allow for the refinement of the reporting portal, business rules, reporting standards, and technical requirements. HUD will also use the demonstration period to evaluate current reporting burdens as compared to the level of burden placed on participants by the new system.

B. Parameters of the Demonstration

Approximately nine voluntary participants will use the new preliminary reporting system to upload documentation, such as a receipt or invoice, that substantiates their use of funds from previous drawdowns. Participants will be able to share feedback and user experience with HUD to fine-tune the system as needed. Additionally, HUD will review documents and request exhibits that detail the following:

- Current accounting software and payroll systems.
- Current processes for recording cash disbursements.
- Current policies for management and oversight of the agency's grants, cost allocation, and request for disbursements.
- Vouchers, or similar documentation, to track cash disbursements.
- Sample proration used where allocation is made to various grants.

HUD expects that the demonstration will last for approximately 2 months. After that time, the participants will no longer need to upload documentation to the preliminary portal, while HUD evaluates the results of the demonstration and determines what next steps are appropriate and feasible.

III. Questions for Consideration

1. What types of evidence are most appropriate for demonstrating the proper use of grant funds?
2. What are ways HUD can alleviate administrative burden as we transition funding recipients to new grants management and reporting systems?

3. What documentation collected via a reporting portal would most efficiently and effectively ensure that taxpayers' dollars are spent responsibly and only for permitted purposes?

IV. Solicitation of Public Comment

In accordance with section 470 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (42 U.S.C. 3542), HUD is seeking comment on the demonstration. Section 470 provides that HUD may not begin a demonstration program not expressly authorized by statute until a description of the demonstration program is published in the **Federal Register** and a 60-day period expires following the date of publication, during which time HUD solicits public comment and considers the comments submitted. The public comment period provided allows HUD the opportunity to consider those comments during the 60-day period and be in a position to commence implementation of the demonstration following the conclusion of the 60-day period.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-NRSS-GRD-NPS0034109; OMB Control Number 1024-0064; BAC 4311N5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Mining and Mining Claims and Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the National Park Service (NPS) are proposing to renew an information collection without change.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments, which NPS must receive on or before November 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions on the information collection requirements should be submitted by the date specified above in **DATES** to <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer (ADIR-ICCO), 13461 Sunrise Valley

Drive, (MS-263) Reston, VA 20191 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please include 1024-0064 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen Simon, Oil and Gas Program Coordinator, Energy and Minerals Branch, Geologic Resources Division, National Park Service, Denver Federal Center, Building 50, Lakewood, Colorado 80226; or by email at Stephen_Simon@nps.gov/ or by telephone at (303) 969-2015. Please reference OMB control number 1024-0064 in the subject line of your comments. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility.

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

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

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of

public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request (ICR). Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The Organic Act of 1916 (NPS Organic Act) (54 U.S.C. 100101) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to develop regulations for units of the national park system (System units) under the Department's jurisdiction. The Mining in the Parks Act (54 U.S.C. 100731 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of the Interior to regulate all operations in System units in connection with the exercise of mineral rights on patented and unpatented mining claims.

The regulations codified in 36 CFR part 9, subparts A and B, ensure that mining and non-Federal oil and gas activities in System units are conducted in a manner consistent with conserving resources in System units for the benefit of present and future generations. The information required by subpart A identifies the claim, claimant, and operator (the claimant and operator are often the same) and details how the operator intends to access and develop the locatable minerals associated with the claim. It also identifies the steps the operator intends to take to minimize any adverse impacts of the mining operations on park resources and values and public safety. No information is submitted unless the claimant wishes to conduct mining operations.

The information required by subpart B identifies the owner and operator (the owner and operator are often the same) and details how the operator intends to access and develop the oil and gas rights. It also identifies the steps the operator intends to take to minimize any adverse impacts on park resources and values. No information is submitted unless the owner wishes to conduct oil and gas operations.

The information collected under 36 CFR part 9, subparts A and B, is used to evaluate proposed operations, ensure that all necessary mitigation measures are employed to protect park resources and values, and ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Title of Collection: Mining and Mining Claims and Non-Federal Oil and