

breach. Immigration bonds might remain in place for years, and Obligor might choose to appoint a new Attorney in Fact as circumstances change. To ensure that ICE Financial Operations properly executes its fiduciary duties to the Obligor under the Form I-352 bond contract, and exercises due diligence in ensuring that remittances are made to the proper person, ICE uses Form I-312A as the document by which the Obligor could expressly indicate that a previously valid Form I-312 Attorney in Fact designation had been revoked.

(5) An estimate of the total number of responses and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:

Annual Reporting Burden, Form I-312

- a. *Number of Respondents*: 193.
- b. *Number of Responses per Each Respondent*: 1.
- c. *Total Annual Responses*: 193.
- d. *Hours per Response*: 1.
- e. *Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours*: 193.

Annual Reporting Burden, Form I-312A

- a. *Number of Respondents*: 5.
- b. *Number of Responses per Each Respondent*: 1.
- c. *Total Annual Responses*: 5.
- d. *Hours per Response*: 1.
- e. *Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours*: 5.

The projected hours per response for this collection of information were derived by first breaking the process into four basic components:

Learning about the Law and the Form: 10 Minutes.

Completion of the Form: 10 Minutes.

Assembling and Filing the Form: 10 Minutes.

Obtaining Notary Seal: 30 Minutes.

Total Hours per Response: 60 Minutes.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 193 annual burden hours.

Dated: 24 July 2026.

Ashley Pearce,
Deputy Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6086-N-13]

National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate: Scoring Notice

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

Commissioner, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing (PIH), HUD.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice seeks public comment on revisions to the NSPIRE Scoring Notice, “National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols, Scoring Notice”. Pursuant to the governing regulation, which requires periodic revision of the NSPIRE Scoring Notice and an opportunity for public comment, HUD is providing an opportunity for public comment on the revisions to the scoring procedures set forth in this notice. HUD will consider comments received in response to this notice before publishing a final NSPIRE Scoring Notice in the **Federal Register** and posting the updated NSPIRE Scoring Notice on www.hud.gov.

DATES: *Comments Due:* November 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments responsive to this notice. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments.

1. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Comments may be submitted 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 comments immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the website can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

2. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may also 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. Due to security measures at all Federal agencies, submission of comments by mail often results in delayed delivery. To ensure timely receipt, HUD recommends that comments be mailed at least 2 weeks in advance of the public comment deadline.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted using one of the two methods specified above.

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

3. *Public Inspection of Comments.* All comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at HUD Headquarters, 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. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dakisha Spratling, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street SW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410-4000, telephone number (202) 402-7146 (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 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. NSPIRE Rule

On May 11, 2023, HUD published the final rule, “Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate” (88 FR 30442), to align expectations of housing quality and consolidate inspection standards across HUD programs.

24 CFR 5.709(a) states that HUD will publish a notice establishing NSPIRE scoring methodology to score and rank HUD housing. 24 CFR 5.709(a)(1) further establishes that HUD will subsequently publish in the **Federal Register** for a public comment period of not less than 30 days, any revisions to the inspection and scoring procedures that HUD determines to be necessary, at least once every 3 years or 3 years after the most recent revision, whichever is later. The revision process provides an opportunity for the public to examine proposed changes to the scoring procedure, share pertinent comments, and suggest the inclusion of industry best practices. A 3-year revision cycle allows HUD to be more responsive to the ever-changing public and assisted housing portfolio and research findings in the field.

II. NSPIRE Scoring Background

On July 7, 2023, HUD published the final NSPIRE Scoring Notice, “National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols, Scoring Notice” (88 FR 43371), effective July 1, 2023. The NSPIRE Scoring Notice establishes the methodology for weighing deficiencies identified during inspections conducted under the NSPIRE Standards and for scoring those deficiencies for each program. The Scoring Notice also establishes the gradations and severity levels applicable to each deficiency under the scoring methodology, as well as the compliance date for the new affirmative requirements for HUD housing subject to NSPIRE.

The NSPIRE Scoring Notice does not apply to the Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based Voucher programs and does not revise the inspection frequencies established under the applicable program regulations.

III. Proposed Revisions to the NSPIRE Scoring Notice

This notice sets forth three revisions to the NSPIRE Scoring Notice for public comment. As discussed below, each revision was previously published in a separate notice.

Revised Compliance Date for NSPIRE New Affirmative Requirements

This first revision to the NSPIRE Scoring Notice addresses the compliance date for the new affirmative requirements in NSPIRE standards. These affirmative requirements include: Fire Labeled Doors; Electrical—Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlet or breaker; Guardrail; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC); Interior Lighting; and Minimum Electrical and Lighting (see the full list in Section III of Notice PIH 2025–27/H 2025–06). For detailed descriptions of each category of new affirmative requirements and the associated defects, refer to Section IV.D of the NSPIRE Scoring Notice.

The affirmative requirements are property attributes or requirements that must be met. When a property does not meet these requirements, it constitutes a defect in the inspection and may result in point deductions from the property’s score. The NSPIRE Scoring Notice provided properties with a 12-month period before scoring the new affirmative requirements. On December 17, 2024, HUD issued a notice extending the period before scoring the new affirmative requirements to October 1, 2025. (Notice PIH 2024–39/H 2024–11). On September 30, 2025, HUD extended the date on which it will begin scoring

the new affirmative requirements to October 1, 2026, to provide stakeholders additional time to comply (Notice PIH 2025–27/H 2025–06). Beginning October 1, 2026, deficiencies identified under the new affirmative requirements will be included in the calculation of a property’s inspection score. The extension applies to inspections conducted in the Public Housing and Multifamily Housing portfolios.

Sample Size Correction

The second revision to the NSPIRE Scoring Notice concerns a correction to the sample size. In reviewing the published notice, HUD identified two inadvertent errors in Table 9, Section V, titled, “Number of Units Sampled Under NSPIRE Scoring and Sampling Methodology Based on Property Size.” HUD corrected those errors in correction notice “National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate and Associated Protocols, Scoring Notice; Correction” (90 FR 5973) published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2025. Specifically, the entries for the following two rows listing the number of units in a property were incorrect:

Units in property	UPCS sample	NSPIRE sample
111–132	22–23	26
133–166	23–24	27

HUD is correcting these errors so that these rows read as follows:

Units in property	UPCS sample	NSPIRE sample
111–133	22–23	26
134–166	23–24	27

The UPCS (Uniform Physical Condition Standards) and NSPIRE sample sizes remain unchanged.

For clarity, the corrected Table 9, in its entirety is as follows:

TABLE 9—NUMBER OF UNITS SAMPLED UNDER NSPIRE SCORING AND SAMPLING METHODOLOGY BASED ON PROPERTY SIZE

Units in property	UPCS sample	NSPIRE sample
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	5	6
7	6	6
8	7	7
9	7	8
10	8	8
11–12	8	9

TABLE 9—NUMBER OF UNITS SAMPLED UNDER NSPIRE SCORING AND SAMPLING METHODOLOGY BASED ON PROPERTY SIZE—Continued

Units in property	UPCS sample	NSPIRE sample
13–14	9	10
15–16	10	11
17–18	11	12
19–21	12	13
22–24	13	14
25–27	14	15
28–30	14	16
31–35	15	17
36–39	16	18
40–45	17	19
46–51	18	20
52–59	18	21
60–67	19	22
68–78	20	23
79–92	21	24
93–110	21–22	25
111–133	22–23	26
134–166	23–24	27
167–214	24–25	28
215–295	25	29
296–455	25–26	30
456–920	26	31
921+	27	32

The final revision concerns two corrections under Example 2, titled: “Example 2: A Property Where HUD Inspects 10 Units and the Unit Defect Deduction Value is Above 30”. The Defect Deduction Value Per Unit is listed incorrectly as 39.6 when it should be 37.6 as calculated in the following paragraph. Similarly, the Total Defect Deduction Value per Unit (Inspectable Area) is incorrectly entered as 379; this figure should be 310.2 as indicated correctly in the preceding paragraph.

IV. Final NSPIRE Scoring Notice

The current version of the NSPIRE Scoring Notice can be found on the HUD website and **Federal Register**.¹ HUD seeks comments on the three revisions to the scoring procedures for this public comment period.

HUD will respond to the comments received and take them into consideration as the final revisions to the proposed NSPIRE Scoring Notice are completed. If HUD makes changes to the published revisions, the final version of the NSPIRE Scoring Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**. HUD will also publish the final NSPIRE Scoring Notice at: <https://www.hud.gov/reac/npire>.

¹ The published NSPIRE Scoring Notice can be accessed on **Federal Register** website at the following link: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/07/2023-14362/national-standards-for-the-physical-inspection-of-real-estate-and-associated-protocols-scoring>.

V. Environmental Review

This Notice provides operating instructions and procedures in connection with activities under a **Federal Register** document, “Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate” (88 FR 30442), that has previously been subject to a required environmental review. Accordingly, pursuant to 24 CFR 50.19(c)(4), this Notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*).

Benjamin Hobbs,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

Joseph M. Gormley,

President of the Government National Mortgage Association performing the delegable duties of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming; Approval by Operation of Law of the Squaxin Island Tribe and State of Washington Gaming Compact

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the approval by operation of law of the Seventh Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming Between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the State of Washington governing the operation and regulation of class III gaming activities.

DATES: The Compact takes effect on September 29, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Troy Woodward, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, *IndianGaming@bia.gov*; (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, (IGRA) provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with 45 days to review and approve or disapprove the Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of class III gaming activity on the Tribe’s Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8). If the

Secretary does not approve or disapprove a Tribal-State compact within the 45 days, IGRA provides the Tribal-State compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). The IGRA also requires the Secretary to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Compact authorizes class III gaming on the Tribe’s Indian lands in the State of Washington. The Secretary took no action on the Compact within the 45-day statutory review period. Therefore, the Compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent it is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

William Henry Kirkland III,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Reestablishment of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior is reestablishing the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee (Committee). The Secretary of the Interior, after consultation with the General Services Administration, is reestablishing the Committee charter for 2 years. The Committee provides advice related, and not limited to, commercial fishing, tourism, general season and subsistence hunting, outdoor recreation, wildlife conservation, and native land issues.

DATES: Comments regarding the reestablishment of the Committee must be submitted no later than October 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your comments to *lisa_fox@ios.doi.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Fox, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 3801 Centerpoint Dr., Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (907) 227–

3783, or by email at *lisa_fox@ios.doi.gov*. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, 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: The Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree (settlement of *United States v. State of Alaska*, No. A91–081 CV, Section V.A.4.) (1991) (Consent Decree) establishing the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (Trustee Council), also required the creation of a public advisory group to advise the Trustee Council. Consequently, the Committee was established and began functioning in October 1992. The Committee consists of 10 members representing the following principal interests: aquaculture/mariculture, commercial fishing, commercial tourism, conservation/environmental, native land ownership, recreation, sport hunting/fishing, subsistence, science/technology, and public-at-large. In order to ensure that a broad range of public viewpoints continues to be available to the Trustee Council, and in keeping with the settlement agreement, the continuation of the Committee is recommended.

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Ch. 10), and in consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of the Interior hereby reestablishes the charter for the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

Public Disclosure of Comments

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.

Public Interest Determination

Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 102–3.60(a) to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration’s Committee Management Secretariat (Secretariat)