

Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380.

Atlanta HOC—has jurisdiction over properties located in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Florida.

The Atlanta REO Director is the point of contact and can be reached by calling 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342) or by writing to: Attention: Single Family HOC-REO Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Five Points Plaza, 40 Marietta Street, Atlanta, GA 30303-2806.

Denver HOC—has jurisdiction over properties located in the Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The Denver REO Director is the point of contact and can be reached by calling 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342) or by writing to: Attention: Single Family HOC-REO Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, UMB Plaza, 1670 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80202-4801.

Santa Ana HOC—has jurisdiction over properties located in Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, California, Guam and Arizona.

The Santa Ana REO Director is the point of contact and can be reached by calling 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342) or by writing to: Attention: Single Family HOC-REO Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Santa Ana Federal Building, 34 Civic Center Plaza, Room 7015, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4003.

If the addresses of the HOCs and POCs change over time, HUD will inform the public of such changes as promptly as possible by **Federal Register** Notice or other means of mass communication.

Dated: October 7, 2015.

Edward L. Golding,

Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5823-N-02]

Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Points of Contact To Ensure Payment of Taxes and Homeowners Association Fees and Other Property Charges That Have Not Arisen to Lien Status on FHA Acquired Single Family Properties

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-FHA Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of FHA points of contact for payment.

SUMMARY: This Notice proactively provides taxing authorities and others that are owed money on HUD-owned single family properties acquired by payment of FHA mortgage insurance claims, points of contact to ensure payment of taxes, homeowners association fees and other property charges that have not risen to lien status under state law on these properties. FHA uses contractors to manage these properties and make property charge payments. Inadvertently at times, these payments may remain unpaid. This Notice provides direction for taxing authorities and associations owed money (where there is no lien) for finding the appropriate proper point of contact for payment. Through a related notice published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, HUD provides separate points of contact for payment of taxes and property charges which have risen to lien status. As litigation to enforce liens should be a last resort, HUD is also providing specific points of contact that taxing authorities and others can use to obtain payment in lien cases and avoid litigation. Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, HUD is also publishing an interpretive rule regarding the procedures to be followed in bringing an action to foreclose HUD's ownership interest in properties when these property charges have risen to lien status due to nonpayment of the taxes, fees and other charges.

DATES: *Effective date:* October 15, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ivery Himes, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9172, Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone number 202-708-1672 (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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

HUD contracts with private Management and Marketing (M&M) contractors to handle the sale of its inventory of single family acquired properties. HUD published a delegation of authority, authorizing its M&M contractor to act on behalf of HUD in matters regarding the management and sale of residential property acquired by HUD, including the direct payment of association fees, taxes and other property charges that have not risen to lien status due to nonpayment of these charges on its real estate owned (REO) inventory.

II. Points of Contact and Procedure

In most cases, having a known point of contact for payment of billings should expedite the payment of taxes, association fees and other property charges that have not risen to lien status under state law on HUD-owned single family properties acquired by payment of FHA mortgage insurance claims. HUD requests that all invoices or inquiries pertaining to such unpaid property charges be remitted to the appropriate geographical M&M contractor. In order to assist taxing authorities and homeowner associations, or other municipal entities, identify the appropriate M&M contractor to remit invoices, HUD has provided the following link that will identify by the state or portion of a state in which a specific property is located, the contact information for the geographically responsible M&M contractor as follows: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/reo/mm/mminfo, and follow the "AM Awardees Contact Information" hyperlink located at the bottom of the page.

For further information or for additional assistance in identifying the appropriate M&M contractor to contact, place contact the FHA Resource Center at 1-800-CALLFHA (800-225-5342).

Dated: October 7, 2015.

Edward L. Golding,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5823-D-01]

Redelegation of Authority Within the Office of General Counsel

AGENCY: Office of General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the General Counsel authorizes Office of General Counsel (OGC) Regional Counsel to redelegate to staff within their operating jurisdictions the authority to accept service of summonses, subpoenas and other judicial process for the foreclosure of tax and other liens on HUD-owned single family properties that HUD acquires through the payment of mortgage insurance claims.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 7, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Shumway, Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 9262, telephone number 202-402-5190. (This is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, HUD is publishing an interpretive rule that discusses HUD's longstanding interpretation of the phrase "court of competent jurisdiction" in the "sue and be sued" clause contained in section 1, Title I of the National Housing Act (NHA) (12 U.S.C. 1702). More specifically, this provision authorizes the Secretary to sue and be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction. HUD's interpretive rule clarifies the meaning of a court of competent jurisdiction, and is based on the Quiet Title Act, (Pub. L. 92-562, 86 Stat. 1176) (28 U.S.C. 2409a and 28 U.S.C. 1346). The purpose of HUD's interpretive rule is to assist the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) efficiently manage its Real Estate Owned (REO) inventory and ensure prompt payment for taxes and other fees and assessments. HUD's interpretive rule concludes that when an action is brought to foreclose a lien on a property in which the government owns, the Federal District Court where the property is situated (or the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia) is the court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the Quiet Title Act and HUD's interpretation of section 1, Title I of the National Housing Act. HUD's interpretive rule does not apply to situations where HUD does not hold title to the single family property, but holds only a mortgage or other lien interest. In those situations, lienholders would follow the procedures contained at 28 U.S.C. 2410.

On July 18, 2011 at 76 FR 42463, HUD published a Consolidated Redeflegation of Authority to the Office of General Counsel. Section B.1. of the redelegation delegates to the Associate General Counsel for Litigation in Headquarters and to the ten Regional Counsel the authority to accept service of all summonses, subpoenas, and other judicial, administrative, or legislative processes directed to the Secretary or an employee of HUD Headquarters in an official capacity. This section also authorized the Associate General Counsel for Litigation to redelegate this authority within the Office of Litigation and the Regional Counsel to redelegate this authority to the Associate Regional Counsel for Housing Finance and Programs in their jurisdictions. The July 18, 2011, Redeflegation, however, prohibited this authority from being further redelegated.

To effectuate this interpretive rule, however, the General Counsel has determined to revise Section B.1. of the Consolidated Redeflegation of Authority to the Office of General Counsel. Specifically, the General Counsel has determined that authority to accept service of summonses, subpoenas, and other judicial, administrative, or legislative processes should be expanded to ensure a timely response to litigation to enforce liens on REO properties to protect and secure HUD's interest in the property. To this end, this Redeflegation of Authority authorizes Regional Counsel to redelegate authority to accept service of all summonses, subpoenas, and other judicial, administrative, or legislative processes directed to the Secretary in an official capacity to staff within their operating jurisdictions.

As a result, today's Redeflegation of Authority revises Section B.1. of the July 18, 2011, Consolidated Redeflegation of Authority to the Office of General Counsel, to read as follows:

1. To the Associate General Counsel for Litigation and to Regional Counsel, the authority to accept, on behalf of the Secretary, service of all summonses, subpoenas, and other judicial, administrative, or legislative processes directed to HUD or the Secretary or to a HUD employee in an official capacity. The Associate General Counsel for Litigation may redelegate this authority within the Office of Litigation and the Regional Counsel may redelegate this authority within their operating jurisdictions.

With the exception of the revisions to Section B.1., this redelegation of authority does not revoke or supersede any previous redelegations of authority included in the July 18, 2011,

Consolidated Redeflegation of Authority to the Office of General Counsel.

Authority: Section 7(d) Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: October 7, 2015.

Helen R. Kanovsky,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0149;
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Endangered Species; Wild Bird Conservation; Marine Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. The public is also invited to comment on the following applications for approval to conduct certain activities with bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, which was enacted to ensure that exotic bird species are not harmed by international trade and to encourage wild bird conservation programs in countries of origin.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before November 16, 2015. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by November 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES:

Submitting Comments: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0149.
- **U.S. mail or hand-delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0149; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: