

of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory. Specifically, SEA, Ltd. has been granted accreditation to perform the following test methods at their Columbus, Ohio site: (1) Quantitation of Paraffin in Beeswax and Other Waxes by High Temperature Capillary Gas Chromatography, USCL (United States Customs Laboratory) test method 34-07; and (2) Quantitative Analysis of Paraffin in Beeswax by Column Chromatography, USCL (United States Customs Laboratory) test method 34-08. Therefore, in accordance with § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations, SEA, Ltd. of Columbus, Ohio is hereby accredited to analyze the products named above.

*Location:* SEA, Ltd.'s accredited site is located at: 7349 Worthington—Galena Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43085.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 16, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Faustermann, Science Officer, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 344-1060.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

**Ira S. Reese,**

*Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

[CBP Decision 03-35]

#### Customs Accreditation of SGS North America, Inc. as a Commercial Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation of SGS North America, Inc. of Sulfur, Louisiana, as a commercial laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** SGS North America, Inc. of Sulfur, Louisiana has applied to Customs and Border Protection under § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations for accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum products under chapter 27 and chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory. Specifically, SGS North America, Inc. has been granted accreditation to perform the

following test methods at their Sulfur, Louisiana site: (1) Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation, ASTM D95; (2) API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Hydrometer, ASTM D287; (3) Sediment in Crude Oils by Extraction, ASTM D473; (4) Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer, ASTM D1298; (5) Water in Crude Oil by Distillation, ASTM D4006; (6) Water and Sediment in Crude Oil by the Centrifuge Method, ASTM D4007; and (7) Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy, ASTM D4294. Therefore, in accordance with § 151.12 of the Customs Regulations, SGS North America, Inc. of Sulfur, Louisiana is hereby accredited to analyze the products named above.

*Location:* SGS North America, Inc. accredited site is located at: 4701 East Napoleon (Hwy 90), Sulfur, LA 70663.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 16, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Faustermann, Science Officer, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 344-1060.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

**Ira S. Reese,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-51]

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Mortgage Insurance Application for Multifamily Housing Projects

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number (2502-0029) and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or [Wayne\\_Eddins@hud.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael McCullough, Director, Office of Multifamily Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1142 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) intends to submit to OMB an information collection package with respect to requiring professional liability insurance for the Section 232 program. The requirements are found in the Notice "Professional Liability Insurance for Section 232 Programs."

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Mortgage Insurance Application for Multifamily Housing Projects.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-0029.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Requirements for Professional Liability Insurance for Section 232 Programs. This information collection is the

application for HUD/FHA multifamily mortgage insurance. The information from sponsors and general contractors, and submitted by a HUD-approved mortgagee, is needed to determine project feasibility, and mortgagor/contractor acceptability. In addition, documentation from operators/managers of health care facilities is also required as part of the application for firm commitment for mortgage insurance. HUD analyzes financial data, cost data, drawings, specifications and other documentation to determine whether the proposed project meets program requirements for mortgage insurance. This is a revision to include changes and additional Exhibits to Section K of Form HUD-92013-NHICF.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-92013, HUD-92013-SUPP, HUD-92013-NHICF and HUD-92013-E.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The estimated total number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 188,680; the number of respondents is 6,350 generating approximately 6,350 annual responses, the frequency of response is on occasion, required with each project application and annually for health care facilities. The estimated time to prepare the response varies from 36 minutes to 84 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

**Sean G. Cassidy,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4818-N-16]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Notice of Funding Availability for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 23, 2004.

**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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410-6000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Brunson, 202-708-3061, ext. 3852 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1)

Evaluated whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Notice of Funding Availability for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2506-0122.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The information is being collected to select applicants for awards in this statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of grantees to ensure they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

*Agency Form Numbers:* HUD 424, HUD 424B, HUD-424C, HUD-424-CB, SFLLL, HUD 2880, HUD 2991, HUD 2990, HUD 2993, HUD40076, HUD96010-I, and HUD 2994.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Information pursuant to grant award will be submitted once a year. The following chart details the respondent burden on an quarterly, semi-annual and annual basis:

	Number of respondents	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Applicants .....	105	105	200	21,000
Quarterly Reports .....	75	300	24	7,200
Semi-Annual Reports .....	60	120	48	5,760
Final Reports .....	15	15	60	900
Recordkeeping .....	135	135	24	3,240
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>38,100</b>