

the Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and Coast Guard Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts (COMDTINST M16475.1D), the Coast Guard prepared a Final EA and FONSI for implementing the policy on best management practices for NOBOB vessels.

Response to Comments

The Coast Guard requested comments on the Draft EA when the Notice of policy; availability of Draft EA was published on August 31, 2005 (70 FR 51831). The Coast Guard received 11 comments; however, only 2 out of the 11 comments specifically addressed the Draft EA. Therefore, the Coast Guard will only respond to those comments that addressed the Draft EA.

One commenter agreed that the policy on best management practices for NOBOB vessels will have no adverse or beneficial significant impacts on the environment. The Coast Guard partially agrees with this comment. As the EA and FONSI discuss we agree that there will be no significant adverse impact; however, we do believe that beneficial impacts to the environment will occur if NOBOB vessels conduct the recommended best management practices. These practices are intended to prevent NIS from being introduced into the Great Lakes.

One commenter expressed disappointment that the Draft EA did not analyze mandatory best management practices as one of the alternatives.

The Coast Guard has been evaluating NOBOB vessels with residual water and sediments with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL), and other partners as part of the NOAA/GLERL NOBOB Research Project. Although the NOAA/GLERL NOBOB Report published in April 2005, suggests that saltwater flushing (one of the Coast Guard's recommended best management practices) would be an effective practice to protect the Great Lakes from NIS in fresh and/or brackish residual waters, the practice has never been validated for efficacy or feasibility. We are working with NOAA/GLERL and other partners to evaluate both the efficacy and feasibility of saltwater flushing. The Coast Guard is also monitoring the level of participation of vessels conducting the recommended best management practices through record checks and sampling since vessels may not always be able to conduct these practices due to vessel/crew safety concerns and other operational requirements. These evaluations will determine if further

refinements to the program are necessary.

The Coast Guard is developing a ballast water discharge standard for all vessels including vessels which enter the Great Lakes because ballast water exchange and similar practices are interim measures. This standard will be more effective in preventing invasions than mandatory best management practices.

Environmental Assessment

The Final EA identified and examined those reasonable alternatives needed to effectively prevent NIS introductions into the Great Lakes via NOBOB vessels. The Final EA analyzed the no action alternative and one action alternative that could fulfill the purpose and need of establishing best management practices for NOBOB vessels to reduce NIS introductions into the Great Lakes. Specifically, the Final EA considered potential effects to the natural and human environments by incorporating environmental analyses previously conducted for establishing ballast water management regulations for U.S. waters.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5045–N–04]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Ezzell, room 7266, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1–800–927–7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Where property is described as for “off-site use only” recipients of the property will be required to relocate the building to their own site at their own expense. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to John Hicks, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B–17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443–2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time,

HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-800-927-7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnston at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, the landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (*i.e.*, acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the following addresses: GSA: Mr. John Kelly, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, General Services Administration, Office of Property Disposal, 18th and F Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20405; (202) 501-0084; Navy: Mr. Warren Meekins, Department of the Navy, Real Estate Services, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Ave., SE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5065; (202) 685-9305; (These are not toll-free numbers).

Dated: January 19, 2006.

Mark R. Johnston,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

Title V, Federal Surplus Property Program, Federal Register Report for 1/27/2006

Suitable/Available Properties

Buildings (by State)

Washington

Vancouver Chapel
1601 E. 4th Plain Blvd.
Vancouver Co: Clark WA 98661-
Landholding Agency: GSA
Status: Excess
Comment: 2906 sq. ft., asbestos siding, off-site use only
GSA Number: 9-V-WA-1230

Suitable/Unavailable Properties

Buildings (by State)

Texas

Federal Center
Bldgs. 1-4, 40

501 West Felix Street
Fort Worth Co: Tarrant TX 76115-
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54200610002
Status: Excess
Comment: Requires substantial repairs, easements, restrictive, covenants required
GSA Number: 7-G-TX-07672

Unsuitable Properties

Buildings (by State)

California

Naval Security Group
Skaggs Island
Sonoma Co: CA
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54200610005
Status: Excess
Reason: Isolated area
GSA Number: 9-N-CA-1488
Bldg. 325
Naval Base
Port Hueneme Co: Ventura CA 93043-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610001
Status: Unutilized
Reasons: Within airport runway clear zone; Secured Area; Extensive deterioration

Hawaii

Bldg. 346
Naval Station
Pearl Harbor Co: HI 96860-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610002
Status: Excess
Reason: Extensive deterioration
Bldgs. 86, 589
Pearl City Peninsula
Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96860-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610003
Status: Excess
Reason: Secured Area

5 Bldgs.
Pearl City Peninsula
590, 595, 596, 597, 598
Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96860-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610004
Status: Excess
Reason: Secured Area
Bldg. 5798
Pearl City Peninsula
Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96860-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610005
Status: Excess
Reason: Secured Area
Bldg. 776
Pearl City Peninsula
Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96860-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610006
Status: Excess
Reason: Secured Area

Virginia

Bldg. U63
Naval Amphibious Base
Little Creek Co: Norfolk VA 23521-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610007
Status: Excess
Reason: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. 3660
Naval Amphibious Base
Little Creek Co: Norfolk VA 23521-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610008
Status: Excess
Reason: Extensive deterioration
Bldg. 3830
Naval Amphibious Base
Little Creek Co: Norfolk VA 23521-
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 77200610009
Status: Excess
Reason: Extensive deterioration

Land (by State)

Ohio

7100 Block
Olde Eight Road
Boston Heights Co: OH 44235-
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54200610001
Status: Excess
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material
GSA Number: 1-D-Oh-828

Wisconsin

Parcel No 17-10267-50
600 Fisherman Road
LaCrosse Co: WI 54603-
Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 54200610004
Status: Excess
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material
GSA Number: 1-I-WI-605

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Research To Support Analysis and Management of Carrying Capacity at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) plan to request that OMB approve our information collection associated with research to support analysis and management of the carrying capacity at Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge in Errol, New Hampshire. We will request that OMB approve this information collection for a 1-year term.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before March 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the information collection to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance