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: Application for Fee or Roster Personnel Designation, and Appraisal Report Forms.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502–0538.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Information is collected from real estate appraisers and inspectors seeking placement on the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Appraiser and Inspector Rosters. The FHA Appraiser Roster is a national listing of eligible appraisers who prepare appraisals on single family properties that will be security for FHA insured mortgages. The FHA Inspector Roster is a national listing of eligible inspectors who determine the quality of construction of single family properties that will be security for FHA insured mortgages. FHA Roster Appraisers and Inspectors assist in protecting the interest of HUD, the taxpayers, and the FHA insurance fund.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD–92563 and HUD–92564–CN.

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 hours needed to prepare the information collection is 1,494; the number of respondents is 470,668 generating 470,868 annual responses; the frequency per response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the responses varies from 0 to 30 minutes.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is a revision of a currently approved collection, seeking to include the requirements approved under OMB control number 2502–0548, FHA Fee Inspector Panel Application Package.

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

Dated: February 17, 2006.

Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee—Notice of Renewal

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Outer Continental Shelf Scientific Committee.

SUMMARY: Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is renewing the OCS Scientific Committee.

The OCS Scientific Committee provides advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Studies Program to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service. The Committee reviews the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet MMS scientific information needs for decision making and may recommend changes in scope, direction, and emphasis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Certification

I hereby certify that the renewal of the OCS Scientific Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et. seq.*, and 30 U.S.C. 1001 *et. seq.*

Dated: February 17, 2006.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on a Proposed New Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A proposal extending information collection described below has been

submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Address your comments and suggestions on the proposal by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (oira_docket@omb.eop.gov) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department. Send copies of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150 Centre Avenue Building C, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8118 or e-mail

(phadrea_ponds@usgs.gov).
As required by OMB regulations at 5
CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the USGS solicits

specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected: and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Community Survey of Rappahannock River Valley Residents.

OMB Approval No.: New collection. Summary: This information collection is in support of development of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Rappahannock National Wildlife Refuge. Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, all national wildlife refuges are required to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP). A CCP is a document that provides a framework for guiding refuge management decisions. This planning process ensures the opportunity for active public involvement in the preparation and revision of comprehensive conservation plans. This information collection will inform the planning process by providing information to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the attitudes and opinions of local residents