

possible tampering is a valid urine specimen and should not lead a Medical Review Officer to direct a Federal agency to immediately collect another specimen because the creatinine concentration is between 2 mg/dL and 5 mg/dL.

Comment: The creatinine cutoff of less than 2 mg/dL is too low especially when using reagent strips to measure the creatinine concentration.

Response: The Department agrees that reagent strips could not be used to obtain an accurate creatinine concentration at 2 mg/dL. However, since the Department does not permit certified laboratories to use reagent strips to determine creatinine concentration, this comment is not relevant to the creatinine analyses conducted by certified laboratories. The accepted methods to determine creatinine concentration are Jaffe or modified Jaffe colorimetric procedures using autoanalyzers and these methods can accurately analyze and record creatinine concentrations to one decimal place (using mg/dL units) at and below the 2 mg/dL cutoff concentration.

Comment: Donors whose specimens are reported substituted should be directed to provide another specimen using a direct observed collection procedure to prove his or her innocence because the donor naturally produces "ultra-dilute" urine.

Response: The Department disagrees with this comment for the following reasons: (1) The revised Mandatory Guidelines give a Federal employee the opportunity to provide medical records to the Medical Review Officer that support a legitimate explanation for a substituted result, and (2) the Federal employee is allowed to request a retest of a single specimen or the test of a split specimen to verify the result reported by the laboratory. The Department believes these two provisions are sufficient to protect the Federal employee's rights without the need to collect a second specimen using a direct observed collection procedure.

Comment: The variation of the measurement of creatinine concentration within and between laboratories is too large to permit determining an accurate measurement of the creatinine concentration.

Response: The Department disagrees with the comment because the results from the performance testing (PT) program clearly demonstrate the ability of the certified laboratories to accurately measure the creatinine concentration around the 2 mg/dL cutoff concentration. With regard to specimen validity tests, certified laboratories are

required to ensure that their tests satisfy the strict quality control requirements specified in the Mandatory Guidelines and must implement quality assurance procedures to monitor assay performance. These requirements are essentially the same requirements that have been used and applied to the drug tests since the beginning of the Federal Workplace Drug Testing Program. In addition, the Department monitors the variation of the specimen validity test results through the laboratory inspection and PT programs. The Department believes that monitoring the performance of each laboratory's results on the PT samples that challenge each laboratory's specimen validity tests is sufficient and appropriate to ensure that each laboratory's specimen validity test results on Federal employee specimens are forensically and scientifically supportable; therefore, the Department is not changing the creatinine cutoff concentration.

Comment: Lower the creatinine criterion because certain donors can naturally produce urine specimens with creatinine concentrations that are less than 2 mg/dL.

Response: The Department agrees that under extreme circumstances there may be a few individuals that could theoretically provide a valid urine specimen having a creatinine concentration slightly below 2 mg/dL. However, the Department believes that the policy giving a Federal employee the right to submit medical information to the Medical Review Officer to support a creatinine concentration that is less than 2 mg/dL is a safeguard that will prevent a Federal employee from being falsely accused of providing a substituted specimen.

Dated: December 8, 2004.

Charles G. Curie,
Administrator, SAMHSA.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

Tommy G. Thompson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4971-N-01]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Requirement for Contractors To Provide Certificates of Insurance for Capital Program Projects

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

HUD is requesting renewed approval to require Public Housing Agencies to obtain certificates of insurance from contractors and subcontractors before beginning work under either the development of a new low-income public housing project or the modernization of an existing project.

DATES: Comments Due Date: February 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2577-0046) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; or Lillian Deitzer at Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or Ms. Deitzer and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate 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: Requirement for Contractors to Provide Certificates of Insurance for Capital Program Projects.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0046.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:

Public Housing Agencies must obtain certificates of insurance from contractors and subcontractors before beginning work under either the development of a new low-income public housing project or the modernization of an existing project.

The certificates of insurance provide evidence that worker's compensation and general liability, automobile liability insurance are in force before any construction work is started.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Other When applicant is offered a unit.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
3,000		4		0.5		6,000

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 6,000.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4971-N-02]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) Grants Monitoring

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

HUD is requesting approval be reinstated for post award reporting on SHOP grant funding. SHOP provides for funds to purchase home sites and develop/improve infrastructure to support sweat equity and volunteer-

based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families. This information collection is to measure performance goals and demonstrate the success of the program.

DATES: Comments Due Date: February 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-0157) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; or Lillian Deitzer at Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or Ms. Deitzer and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

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This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) Grants Monitoring.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0157.

Form Numbers: HUD-40215, HUD-40216, HUD-40217, HUD-40218, HUD-40219, and HUD-40220.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: HUD is requesting approval be reinstated for post award reporting on SHOP grant funding. SHOP provides for funds to purchase home sites and develop/improve infrastructure to support sweat equity and volunteer-based homeownership programs for low-income persons and families. This information collection is to measure performance goals and demonstrate the success of the program.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Monthly.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
933		3,861		2.2		8,675