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- *Regulation:* 24 CFR 1000.214.

Project/Activity: The submission of the Indian Housing Plan (IHP) by the Hydaburg Cooperative Association (Hydaburg, Alaska) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funding made available under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

Nature of Requirement: Section 1000.214 establishes a July 1st deadline for the submission of an IHP.

Reason Waived: The Area Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) indicated that the 2002 IHP was received before the July 1st deadline and advised the Tribal Council that the plan was received. When it was discovered that the Association's IHP had not been received by ONAP, the regulatory due date had passed.

Granted By: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: November 3, 2002.

Contact: Deborah Lalancette, Director, Grants Management, Denver Program ONAP, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3390, Denver, CO 80202; telephone: (303) 675-1625.

- *Regulation:* 24 CFR 1000.336(b).

Project/Activity: Request to Waive the Regulatory Deadline for Submitting a Census Challenge to the data to be used to compute the Ute Indian Tribe's (Ft. Duchesne, Utah) FY 2003 Indian Housing Block Grant Allocation.

Nature of Requirement: An Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity (TDHE) that has data in its possession that it contends are more accurate than data contained in the U.S. Decennial Census, and the data were collected in a manner acceptable to HUD, may submit the data and proper documentation to HUD.

Reason Waived: Fires on the Ute Indian Reservation resulted in processing delays at the Tribe's TDHE. In addition, recent changes in the Ute Indian's tribal administration have had a significant impact on the Tribe's TDHE, including reorganization and restructuring, and the capacity to submit a Census Challenge in a timely fashion.

Granted By: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: November 27, 2002.

Contact: Deborah Lalancette, Director, Grants Management, Denver Program

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz (HACSC), Santa Cruz, CA; The HACSC requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to El Centro Apartments that is in a census tract with a poverty rate of 21 percent.

Nature of Requirement: Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

Granted By: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: October 4, 2002.

Reason Waived: Approval of the exception was granted since the project was in an area that had undergone major renovation since an earthquake in 1989. During the years of reconstruction along Pacific Avenue over \$90 million of private investment and \$30 million in public funds have been expended. Pacific Avenue is part of the city's redevelopment area as identified in the city's Consolidated Plan for affordable and preserved housing. The housing and commercial activity along Pacific Avenue is consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities.

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA PBA Program; Initial Guidance.

Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta (HACA), Atlanta City, GA; The HACA requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to Columbia High Point Estates that is in a census tract with a poverty rate of 29 percent.

Nature of Requirement: Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration

and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

Granted By: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: October 31, 2002.

Reason Waived: Approval of the exception was granted since the project will be developed in the Pryor Road Corridor that is a designated redevelopment area as defined in the city's approved Atlanta Southside Redevelopment Plan. Approximately 2000 new rental and homeownership units will be developed in the Pryor Road Corridor over the next five years in addition to new planned commercial, retail, and recreational opportunities. Of the 2000 new units, 690 will be subsidized through tax credits or HUD subsidies; the other 1,310 units will be sold or rented at market rate. The current and planned activities for this redevelopment area are consistent with the goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities.

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA PBA Program; Initial Guidance.

Project/Activity: Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (MDHCD), Boston, MA; The MDHCD requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to a property located at 1202 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston that is in a census tract with a poverty rate of 32.45 percent.

Nature of Requirement: Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

Granted By: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: December 9, 2002.

Reason Waived: Approval of the exception was granted since the adjusted poverty rate, that takes into consideration (and excludes) the significant number of college students