

administrative law judge of the Office of Hearings and Appeals and will be governed by the regulations applicable to other hearings under this part. All appeals should be made pursuant to 43 CFR 4.700–4.704.

Chapter 6, Single Audit Act Report Resolution (417 FW 6)

6.1 What is the purpose of this chapter? This chapter establishes Service policy for resolving findings and implementing recommendations from audits of Federal Assistance Program grantees under the Single Audit Act. See 417 FW 1 for authorities, responsibilities, and definitions.

6.2 To what program does this chapter apply? This chapter applies to Single Audit Act audits of grantees that receive funds through the Federal Assistance Program.

6.3 Is the Service responsible for resolving all audit findings? No. We are only responsible for resolving findings, recommendations, and questioned costs that directly relate to funds that we provide to the grantee.

6.4 Does the OIG notify the Service when audits are completed? The OIG will provide excerpts from the Single Audit Report to the Director or Regional Director if there are issues that we must address. The OIG's transmittal memorandum will identify the specific findings and questioned costs that we must resolve. The OIG does not notify us if the Single Audit Report contains no findings directly related to funds that we provide to the grantee.

6.5 What happens when the Service receives a Single Audit Report?

A. When the OIG provides the report to the Washington Office, the Service Audit Liaison Officer:

(1) Notifies the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), and other Service offices, as needed, that we have received a Single Audit report that contains findings we must resolve.

(2) Forwards the documents to the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), for review and transmittal to the appropriate Regional Director for action.

B. When the OIG provides the report to the Regional Office, the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Regional Office), will notify and provide a copy to the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), and the Service Audit Liaison Officer. The Service Audit Liaison Officer will coordinate with other affected offices, as necessary.

C. The Regional Director notifies the grantee of receipt of the Single Audit Report.

6.6 How much time does the Service have to respond to the Single Audit Report? The OIG establishes a deadline in the transmittal memorandum submitted with the Single Audit Report. The Regional Director may, with concurrence of the Assistant Director—Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, request that the OIG provide additional time for response. The request will include a justification for the extension.

6.7 How are findings resolved? The Regional Director is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the Service response to Single Audit Reports in accordance with procedures in 417 FW 4. The Regional Director coordinates with the grantee to ensure that the specified action will resolve the finding. If the Regional Director determines that the corrective action will not resolve the finding, he/she negotiates revised corrective actions with the grantee. When corrective actions to resolve audit findings have been documented by the grantee, the Regional Director notifies the OIG and the Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), in writing. The Chief, Division of Federal Assistance (Washington Office), notifies the Service Audit Liaison Officer of this action. The audit is closed when the Department office that is tracking the resolution concurs with the Service's response.

6.8 Who maintains Single Audit Report resolution files? The Regional Director will maintain all files related to resolution of Single Audit Act audit findings. These files will include, but not be limited to:

A. Copies of all relevant correspondence.

B. Single Audit Report and OIG transmittal memorandum.

C. Service response to OIG's transmittal memorandum.

D. Corrective actions and revised corrective actions, as described in paragraph 6.7, when appropriate.

E. Documentation that the grantee has resolved the audit findings and questioned costs in accordance with approved corrective actions.

6.9 Can the grantee appeal a Single Audit corrective action? Yes. Grantees may appeal Service decisions using the procedures outlined in 43 CFR 4.700–4.704. A grantee may appeal the Service's decision on a Single Audit corrective action within 30 calendar days of the date of mailing of the decision. Submit the appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior. The Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals; an ad hoc appeals board appointed by that Director; or an administrative law judge of that office

will review the record, hold a hearing on all or part of the record, or listen to oral arguments and then make disposition of the appeal.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Request for Comments on Grazing Regulations Information Collection Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to OMB the information collection, titled Grazing Permits, OMB Control Number 1076–0157 for renewal; or, for review and approval. The purpose of this data collection is to update and renew the information collected for 25 CFR 166 General Grazing Regulations as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395–6566 or you may send an e-mail to: OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.

Please send copy of comments to Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Division of Natural Resources, MS–3061–MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, or by facsimile at (202) 219–0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collection request submission from James R. Orwin, (202) 208–6464, at the BIA Central Office in Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This collection of information is authorized under Public Law 103–177, the “American Indian Agricultural Resource Management Act,” as amended. Tribes, tribal organizations, individual Indians, and those entering into permits with tribes or individual Indians submit information required by the regulation. This information is used by the BIA to determine:

(a) Whether or not a permit for grazing may be approved or granted,