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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Trasviña, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, E

FROM: Sara Cooper, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, ED 

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Policy Act – Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 2011: Section 3 Coordination and Implementation

It is the finding of this office that the attached funding notice (FR-5415-N-37) does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and therefore does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. The notice sets out the guidance to govern grants authorized for Fiscal Year 2011 under section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993.

The purpose of this NOFA is to help agencies that receive Section 3 covered HUD funding build their capacity to meet the regulatory requirements of Section 3 by providing funds for the salary, fringe benefits, and other expenses associated with hiring one full-time Section 3 Program Coordinator for one year.

This office finds that the notice does not have a significant impact on the human environment because most of the activities funded by the program consist of training, outreach, education, advice and technical support and therefore have no physical impact on the environment and are categorically excluded from review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and related authorities under 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1), (2), (9), (13) and (14).

Therefore, in accordance with 24 CFR 50.3(h), the applications and the grant agreements for this program must provide that no commitment or expenditure for physical activities or property acquisition may be made until HUD has completed an environmental review to the extent required under applicable regulations and has given notification of its approval under 24 CFR 50.3(h). Any physical activities funded by the program described in this NOFA will undergo individual environmental review at the time they are considered, and their potential impacts will be addressed more accurately and appropriately then.

Accordingly, the publication of this notice is deemed not to be a major Federal action having a significant impact on the human environment.

Attachment