Special Attention of:

Regional Directors
Field Office Directors
CPD Directors
Housing Directors
Public Housing Division Directors
CPD Division Directors
HOME Program Coordinators
CDBG Grantees
HOME Participating Jurisdictions
HOPWA, Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, and Youthbuild Grantees
Multifamily HUB Directors
Multifamily Program Center Directors
Multifamily Project Managers
Homeownership Center Directors
Public Housing Agency Directors
HUB Directors of Public Housing
PIH Program Center Coordinators
Tribes
Tribally Designated Housing Entities
ONAP Administrators
FHEO HUB Directors
FHEO Program Center Directors
Staff, Enforcement Center

1. This Transmits:


2. Significant Changes:

   Prior to Change 5 (issued January 2006), Change 6 (issued October 2006), Change 7 (issued January 2007), and Change 8 (issued March 2007), the existing Handbook was last updated in 1997. Regulations covering the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended (URA) were revised in 1999 and 2005. In addition,
the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) revised the relocation requirements for programs under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and exempted some public housing programs from the URA while imposing new relocation requirements under section 18 of QHWRA. This change represents the fifth in a series of Handbook changes to address these various statutory and regulatory changes and is a complete re-write of Chapters 3 and 4 of the subject Handbook.

The old Appendix 15 dated September 1990 is an obsolete copy of the Section 8 Existing Housing Program Inspection Checklist and has been removed. This checklist was used as guidance for documenting the inspection of replacement housing, and is no longer recommended. Guidance for the inspection of replacement housing can be found in the URA regulations at 49 CFR 24.403(b).

This change includes a new Appendix 15, Claim for Temporary Relocation Expenses (Residential Moves). [The Department is currently seeking OMB approval for this form.]

3. **Effective Date:** April 14, 2008

4. **Filing Instructions:**

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