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RESOLUTION 08072001

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STANDARDIZING AND LIMITING THE PURPOSES
OF HUD REVIEWS TO ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE STATUTE AND
IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association was created to serve the needs of its members located in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association represents 47 Indian Housing Authorities or Tribally Designated housing Entities, and

WHEREAS, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) recognized the right of tribal self-determination, as evidenced in the NAHASDA preamble where it states the purpose *"...to provide Federal Assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance..."* and

WHEREAS, HUD's role, as stated in NAHASDA should be restricted only to conducting "reviews" of tribal housing programs as outlined at 24 CFR §1000.520; as follows: (a) has the eligible activities been carried out in a timely manner in accordance with the primary objective of NAHASDA? (b) Has the recipient complied with the IHP? (c) Are the recipient performance reports accurate?

WHEREAS, HUD has expanded on-site reviews to include housing entities that are in substantial compliance with the primary objectives of NAHASDA; at times these reviews are for periods of four (4) to six (6) weeks and have four to five HUD staff members on-site; and


WHEREAS, HUD is conducting on-site reviews as if they are intensive field audits similar in scope as a forensic audit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA) urges HUD to re-examine its role under NAHASDA with respect to the scope and breadth of on-site monitoring activities and revise its procedures to be consistent with the intent of NAHASDA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SPIHA endorses The National Congress of American Indians, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, The Native American Indian Housing Council and the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated in demanding that HUD re-examine its role under NAHASDA and revise its procedures relating to on-site monitoring reviews to be consistent with the intent of NAHASDA.

CERTIFICATION

Duly adopted by the membership of the Association on the 20th day of July 2009, at the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.



Russell Sossamon, President

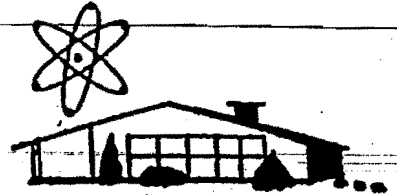


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Enclosure

Southern Plains Indian Housing Association



August 13, 2009

Mr. Roger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Native American Programs
451 Seventh Street, Room 4126
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Sir,

Re: Resolution 08072001 -A Resolution in Support of Standardizing and Limiting the Purposes of HUD Reviews to Activities Identified in the Statute and Implementing Regulation.

The Southern Plains Indian Housing Association was created to serve the needs of its members located in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. It represents 47 Indian Housing Authorities or Tribally Designated Housing Entities.

The membership has voted and accepted the above mention resolution. The intent of the resolution is for HUD to re-examine its role under NAHASDA with respect to the scope and breadth of on-site monitoring activities and revise its procedures to be consistent with the intent of NAHASDA.

I want to express our appreciation for your support and efforts in regards to Indian Housing. I am enclosing a copy of the Resolution 08072001 for you review and if any further assistance is needed please contact me at (580)326-7521 or email rsossamon@choctawhousing.com.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Sossamon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russell Sossamon, Chairman
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