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HOUSING MANAGEMENT BUREAU MEMORANDUM # 2009-B-14

To: All Federally-Assisted Housing Companies
Owners, Managing Agents and Site Managers

From: Robert Damico, Downstate Director
Housing Management Bureau

Date: October 30, 2009

Subject: HUD Notice on State Lifetime Sex Offender Registration Issued

Notice H 2009-11, issued by HUD on September 9, 2009, restates their current regulatory requirements which direct owners and managing agents of federally assisted developments to perform criminal history background checks to determine if an applicant, or a member of an applicant's household, is subject to lifetime registration under a State sex offender registration program. The Notice also strongly encourages owners and managing agents to establish standards and processes with a **zero tolerance approach** to prevent lifetime sex offenders from receiving federal housing assistance. The following new processes are recommended:

- Ask households at each recertification whether any member is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program.
- Use the **Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender** website to confirm that applicants and federal housing assistance recipients are not lifetime registered sex offenders.
- Aggressively pursue termination of tenancy or assistance, as appropriate, for tenants subject to a State lifetime sex offender registration requirement.

The Notice is posted on HUDCLIPS at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/notices/hsg/>

If you have any questions, please call Linda Kedzierski at (212) 480-2021 or email her at LKedzierski@nysdhcr.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Damico", written over a horizontal line.

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