



# **Military Housing Resolution of Deficiencies Report**

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# I. Legislative Language

DHS expects that final FY 2015 appropriations action by Congress will incorporate the existing reporting requirements from Appropriations Committee explanatory statements. Consistent with the Senate Appropriation Committee (SAC) report 113-198, the information presented below fulfills the following Senate directive:

The Committee directs the Coast Guard to include with the congressional budget justification for fiscal year 2016 information detailing how deficiencies identified in the Coast Guard's National Housing Assessment report have been resolved or plan to be resolved in the upcoming year. The information shall include progress made in: resolving housing identified as inadequate from a health and safety concern; right-sizing the housing inventory; the development of regional maintenance contracts; and addressing the need for new housing. Finally, the report shall also identify how operational maintenance funds for divested housing are being reinvested into the most critical housing needs in the remaining inventory.

## II. Progress Report

### **Information on Resolution of Deficiencies in Housing**

A number of actions to address excess inventory and deficiencies identified in the national housing assessment have occurred since 2012, and the Coast Guard continues to take action to improve the state of the program. Areas of focus include addressing health and safety concerns in family housing, right-sizing the housing inventory, and reinvesting divested housing maintenance funding.

### **Resolving Housing Health and Safety Concerns**

The Coast Guard continues to correct health- and safety-related issues through the prioritization of operational and unit maintenance funding. For larger and more complex projects, the Coast Guard conducts annual assessment boards at the national level and Coast Guard District level to prioritize projects with a clear goal of eliminating health-related issues. Funding in FY 2014 included \$14.4 million in routine maintenance and small projects (PPA IV) and \$14.0 million in major maintenance projects (PPA VI). These funds were used to correct heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, repair electrical systems, replace unsafe water heaters, and address other health and safety concerns.

### **Right-Sizing the Housing Inventory**

The Coast Guard continues to identify and divest surplus housing. Since 2010, approximately 1,080 homes have been identified as being excess to Housing Program needs and approved for divestiture. This total represents approximately one quarter of the Coast Guard's housing inventory. In 2014, the Coast Guard executed a Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) with the General Services Administration to sell 13 properties, consisting of 234 housing units. This agreement is in addition to the RWA previously executed in 2013 for the sale of 131 housing units and one land parcel already in various stages of the sales process. The Coast Guard will continue to assess, identify, and dispose of surplus housing in FY 2015 and beyond.

### **Development of Regional Maintenance Contracts**

The Coast Guard is consolidating existing maintenance contracts within the San Francisco Bay area to reduce overhead and administrative costs. Development of regional maintenance contracts in other locations has been deferred while the Coast Guard focuses on right-sizing the housing inventory.

### **Reinvestment of Divestiture Funds**

Operational and unit maintenance funds associated with houses scheduled for divestiture are being retained and reinvested in the remaining inventory. The Coast Guard uses a new budget development process that includes input and guidance from the Coast Guard's Housing Asset Line Manager to ensure that the most critical maintenance priorities are funded.