

HUD ANNOUNCED Full Review of its Manufactured Housing Program



The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development has announced a “top-to-bottom review” of its manufactured housing rules. According to the announcement, HUD will consider whether to "adopt, revise, and interpret its manufactured housing rules ... based upon the public comments it receives and the recommendations of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee, a statutory federal advisory committee comprised of producers or retailers of manufactured housing as well as consumers, residents and public officials."

There will be a 30-day public comment period to "identify existing or planned manufactured housing regulatory actions to assess their actual and potential compliance costs and whether those costs are justified against the backdrop of the nation's shortage of affordable housing."

HUD is looking for comments from industry stakeholders, to assist in identifying regulations which may be obsolete, ineffective, or excessively burdensome and should be modified, streamlined, replaced, or repealed. Our national organization, the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) will be submitting comments, based on all of the industry's prior letters and filings. Manufacturers, service & suppliers, associations and many other industry related entities will be filing comments. This is our chance to have our voice heard, with HUD listening!

Following this page will be instructions on how to comment and where to send those comments, but first... below are some examples which have been discussed during THA's installer/retailer educational classes. Maybe these will get your thoughts flowing.

- ✓ **Installers**: Do you think testing water supply lines in the field on new homes is redundant, since this is performed in the factory?
- ✓ **Installers**: Do you have any thoughts on simplifying the instructions for pier construction?
- ✓ **Retailers**: Are the formaldehyde standards in need of change (update)?
- ✓ **Vendors**: Is your approval process for foundation products too cumbersome?
- ✓ **Manufacturers**: Is the alternate construction rule working? Is the rule too difficult?
- ✓ **Manufacturers**: How do you feel about HUD assuming the role of addressing new energy standards, rather than leaving it to DOE, to pick up at some future date?
- ✓ **ALL**: Do you think HUD should strengthen the language to States on Pre-emption?

(See the following page for instructions on where/how to comment.)

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Comments are due by February 26, 2018, and may be mailed or submitted electronically. All comments must include the following docket number and title:

*Docket No. FR-6075-N-01

*Regulatory Review of Manufactured Housing Rules

To send your individual comments electronically:

1. Go to www.regulations.gov.
2. In the blue 'SEARCH BOX', type in **6075-N-01**.
3. From here you will be able to read the notice published by HUD
4. Click on "COMMENT NOW"
5. Then type in your comments.
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If you prefer to mail your comments to HUD, address them to:

Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel
Department of Housing & Urban Development
451 7TH Street SW, Room 10276
Washington, DC 20410-0550

Note: YOU MUST include the docket number and title in your letter.*

As well, reference each of your comments to a specific requirement under the federal regulations.

