



TO: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Draft of Proposed Regulation: Manufactured Housing/Residential Fire Sprinklers


Please find attached to this letter a copy of a set of recently proposed regulations regarding installation of sprinklers in manufactured housing. The creation, composition and activities of a working group to create the regulation are outlined in the document, therefore, we request that you review them before looking at the regulations.

It should be noted that these regulations would relate **ONLY** to manufactured housing constructed **after** the adoption date and only when installed in jurisdictions where sprinklers are required to be installed in residential occupancies.

It is important to recognize that manufactured housing is constructed in factories where economics of scale provide for both uniformity and low cost. Typically, the final destination is unknown or uncertain during the course of construction. However, the industry recognizes that there is a need to have a more standardized method of installing sprinklers, when they are required. Due to the wide range of design, installation and testing criteria being employed across the entire state, it was anticipated that these regulations would provide for both a clear set of standards and would meet the industries need for economics of scale for production. These Proposed Regulations assure that adequate review, inspection and testing protocols are provided by HCD approved Third Party Inspection Agencies during the course of construction.

Over the next few months, the Working Group will continue to develop the regulatory package necessary for the process of adoption to be completed.

Please review this proposed draft and be guided by their instruction in providing our office with feedback.


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