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Are You Registered for the NSPIRE Demo?
Don’t miss the opportunity to help shape the new inspection model!
HUD is seeking volunteers nationwide from Public Housing Authorities (PHA) and Property Owners and Agents (POA) for the NSPIRE Demonstration. PHAs and POAs will be an integral part of helping to shape the new inspection model through hands-on participation and feedback on the proposed standards for the new inspection model.

The Benefits of Volunteering
Properties approved to join the NSPIRE Demonstration enjoy a host of benefits. Volunteer properties will receive an NSPIRE inspection and an advisory NSPIRE score. They will not receive a UPCS inspection, and thus, their current UPCS score will be carried forward throughout the duration of the Demonstration. Conveniently, properties have the option of submitting their self-inspection scores in one submission or over the course of the year.

Additional benefits of participating:

✔ Get ahead with an “inspection ready” maintenance strategy and devote resources toward annual staff training and certifications instead of allocating resources to prepare for a UPCS inspection.

“As a former physician, health in housing has always been close to my heart. By modernizing our inspection mechanisms with the development of the new NSPIRE system, HUD is working toward healthy homes for all residents.”

Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D. Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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A NEW INSPECTION MODEL
FOR A NEW ERA

✔ Objectivity
✔ Accuracy
✔ Defensibility

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Collaborate with HUD to develop reasonable time frames associated with repairs that do not have a 24-hour constraint.

Take advantage of training opportunities with NSPIRE, including how to use the inspection software.

Have the option to participate in focus groups, listening sessions, conference calls, and training sessions on policies and procedures.

Provide feedback that will help shape the new inspection model.

Registration
The department wants a diverse, representative group of stakeholders from across the nation and encourages early registration. If interested in participating in the Demonstration, please visit the link below.

Click Here for More Information on Registering a Property

Recent Events
On February 7, 2020, REAC Assessment Manager Richard Scalzo gave a presentation on NSPIRE at the 2020 Executive Director’s Forum of the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO) in Atlantic Beach, FL. The HUD roundtable provided Mr. Scalzo invaluable feedback to help with the development of NSPIRE Standards.

On February 26 and March 9, 2020, REAC Deputy Assistant Secretary David Vargas offered presentations about the development of the NSPIRE protocol at the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Director’s Conference in Arlington, VA, and the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Conference in Washington, DC.
NSPIRE Standards Development is Thorough
Early Versions of NSPIRE Standards are Ready!

HUD continues to welcome public comments and review them for continuous improvement of health and safety standards.

Our NSPIRE team has collaborated with experts across the federal government, academic centers, and non-profit organizations to provide technical input and scientific guidance. HUD is building a comprehensive inspection process that better identifies health and safety risks within a resident’s dwelling unit.

As a recent example of collaboration, Dr. David Hewitt gave a lecture on NSPIRE at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), receiving feedback from the experts at the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research (NCSDR) of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). The feedback received from NHLBI and NCSDR was constructive to the identification and development of health and safety risks to residents.

NSPIRE has introduced an innovative approach for developing, updating, and adapting standards and scoring based on continuous improvement. HUD has developed and published a list of health and safety deficiencies for each inspectable area to offer the public an opportunity to comment on the clarity of deficiencies, accuracy of rationales, and application of the standards in the inspection process.

Visit the link below to learn more about NSPIRE Standards and provide your comments and feedback.

Click Here for More Information on NSPIRE Standards

NSPIRE’s Response to COVID-19

With new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), REAC is postponing property inspections for all PIH and Multifamily properties. These restrictions have been put in place for the protection of residents, property owners and agents, inspectors, and others.
HUD personnel. Where there is an exigent threat to life or property at a specific location, HUD quality assurance inspectors will conduct inspections in compliance with CDC guidelines.

Concurrently, NSPIRE has made the decision to postpone all NSPIRE field testing until further notice. Meanwhile, standards refinement and scoring testing will continue to further the development of the NSPIRE model. We encourage you to stay up to date on the latest pandemic-related HUD news by visiting the link below.

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Advisory
HUD is aware there may be some potentially misleading third-party information circulating about NSPIRE, including the Demonstration. HUD encourages stakeholders to verify any information they receive from third parties with official sources such as HUD’s NSPIRE website or the Federal Register.

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