



THE FACTS

Welcome to the third edition of The **FACTS**: HUD's Manu**FACT**ured Housing Newsletter! The Office of Manufactured Housing Programs will periodically issue the **FACTS** to enhance communication with consumers, industry, and other stakeholders by providing information on Manufactured Housing topics of interest.

If you would like to sign up to receive notice of future issues of the **FACTS**, please [click here](#) to be added to our database. Thank you for reading our newsletter!!

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Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee Meeting – Structural and Design Subcommittee

APRIL 23, 2013 MEETING

A [Federal Register Notice](#), published on April 10, 2013, announced the upcoming teleconference of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee, Structural and Design Subcommittee. The teleconference will be held on April 23, 2013 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm EST.

The teleconference numbers are: US toll-free: 1-855-747-8824 and US toll: 1-719-325-2630; Participant Code: 547096. This meeting is open to the public.

LINKS

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Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee Meeting – 2013 Members

Eight new appointments in 2013 to serve as members on the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC): Five reappointments: Greg Scott, Manuel Santana, Timothy Sheahan, Michael Lubliner, and David Tompos. Three new appointments: Dominic Frisina (RoMar Homes), Timothy O’Leary (Idaho Office of Energy Resources), and Debra Blake (Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety).

Richard Weinert was reappointed as MHCC Chairman for 2013. HUD expresses appreciation to three departing members: William Stamer (Producer category), Timothy King (Public Official category), and Terry Nelson (User category).

The biographies below are for the new and reappointed members of the MHCC. For the new members, welcome to the MHCC – we look forward to working with you! For our returning members, welcome back! HUD looks forward a continuation of a strong and vital relationship with you on the MHCC!

Richard Weinert – Chairman – General Interest and Public Officials Category

Mr. Weinert has served as the Chairman of the MHCC since 2011. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Weinert was a member of the General Interest/Public Official Category in the MHCC for eight years. Mr. Weinert is a Codes and Standards Administrator III, Programs Operations in the Department of Housing and Community Development for the State of California.

Manuel Santana – Producer Category

Mr. Santana is a Professional Engineer with a background in Civil Engineering. Mr. Santana is the current Director of Engineering for Cavco Industries and Fleetwood Homes. In addition, Mr. Santana is responsible for the engineering design, development and maintenance of the variety of homes produced by Cavco and Fleetwood.

Gregory Scott – Producer Category

Mr. Scott has worked on the production line and in various management positions during his career in the industry. He is one of the founders and current President of ScotBilt Homes.

Dominic C. Frisinia – Producer Category

Mr. Frisinia is currently the Vice President of RoMar Homes, Inc., located in Espyville, Pennsylvania. As an owner of RoMar Homes, Inc. and a licensed retailer and installer of both manufactured and modular homes Mr. Frisinia has 20 plus years of experience with manufactured housing.

Michael Lubliner – General Interest Category

Mr. Lubliner has a background of energy engineering and conservation. Currently a Building Science Specialist at the Washington State University Energy Program, he helped develop, implement, and evaluate the Northwest Power Planning Council’s Model Conservation Standards, state energy codes and Super Good Cents site-built and manufactured housing programs. Mr. Lubliner has a degree in Energy Engineering and has an interest in the mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering fields.

Timothy Sheahan – User Category

Mr. Sheahan has a general knowledge base and understanding of the design and construction of manufactured homes. Concerned for the health and well being of manufactured homeowners like himself, Mr. Sheahan has been an advocate working with homeowner associations to improve the quality of life for consumers that purchase manufactured homes.

Timothy O’Leary – User Category

Mr. O’Leary possess knowledge and experience as a manufactured home homeowner. He was formerly employed by the Idaho Office of Energy Resources managing the Northwest Energy Efficiencies Manufactured Home Program.

David A. Tompos – General Interest and Public Officials Category

Mr. Tompos is president of NTA, Inc., a HUD-approved private inspection agency (PIA) headquartered in Nappanee, Indiana. He has a background in Computer and Electrical Engineering.

Debra Blake – General Interest and Public Officials Category

Ms. Blake currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Manufactured Housing Office in the Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety for the State of Arizona. Ms. Blake has experience with the manufactured housing regulatory process and a variety of work and educational experience.

Alternative Construction (AC)

ATTENTION MANUFACTURERS!!

The Office of Manufactured Housing Programs would like to remind all manufacturers that all requests for AC renewals should be submitted **three months prior** to the expiration date. This will allow HUD staff to properly review the AC submission in a timely manner.

Manufactured homes cannot be produced without an approved AC, if required, pending approval or renewal of an AC request or after expiration of an AC.

It is the responsibility of each manufacturer to keep all AC letters current and accurate. This includes notifying HUD of all organizational changes, changes in production facilities, company name, and ownership or mailing address.

The criteria for all AC requests can be found in [§3282.14](#) of the Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations. AC requests can be submitted either electronically at mhs@hud.gov or hard copy at:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Manufactured Housing Programs
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 9168
Washington, DC 20410

If you have any questions about the AC program, please contact Henry Czauski at henry.s.czauski@hud.gov or Patricia McDuffie at patricia.a.mcduffie@hud.gov.

Test Procedures for Roof Trusses – Final Rule

The Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Test Procedures for Roof Trusses for published as a Final Rule in the [Federal Register](#) on Friday, January 18, 2013 (Federal Register/Vol. 78, No. 13).

The final rule amends the roof truss testing procedures in the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards by adopting certain recommendations made by the Manufactured Home Consensus Committee (MHCC), as modified by HUD. Pursuant to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, HUD published a recommendation submitted by MHCC to revise the existing roof truss testing procedures in 2003.

In response to public comments, HUD returned the proposal to MHCC for further evaluation. After further consideration, MHCC submitted to HUD an amended version of its original proposal on roof truss testing. HUD was in agreement with the majority of MHCC's revised recommendations on roof truss testing which were published as a proposed rule on June 16, 2010. Many of MHCC's recommendations are included in this final rule. HUD identifies MHCC's proposals that were not accepted, or that were modified in light of public comments received or upon further evaluation, and provides reasons for not accepting or for modifying these proposed revisions.

Effective Date: January 13, 2014.

Subpart I Notification News

U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) **GE Recalls Dishwashers due to Fire Hazard**

The CPSC issued a Recall Notice ([Release #12-244](#)) on August 9, 2012 announcing a voluntary recall of a consumer product, specifically certain GE Dishwashers.

The Department is treating this Recall as a Subpart I matter and notice has been provided to manufacturers and primary inspection agencies. Manufacturers who have installed the dishwashers identified in manufactured homes must notify the Department and comply with the procedures in 24 CFR Subpart I for consumer complaint handling and remedial actions.