



THE FACTS

Welcome to the fourth 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.

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New Administrator appointed to the Manufactured Housing Program

On March 24, 2014, Pamela Beck Danner, officially assumed the position as Administrator of the Office of Manufactured Housing Programs. She comes to this position with over 35 years of experience with manufactured housing, both with the Federal Government and in the private practice of law. In the mid 1980's she served as HUD's Director of the Office of Manufactured Housing and Regulatory Functions and before that she served as an attorney working on manufactured housing program issues in HUD's Office of General Counsel. Ms. Danner was a principal of her law firm, Danner & Associates in McLean, VA for over 20 years. She has a J.D. from Georgetown University, a M.A. from American University School of International Service, and a B.A. from Purdue University.

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Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee Meeting – 2014 Members

The Department recently notified seven candidates of their appointment to serve on the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) for 2014. Steven Anderson, Ishbel Dickens, Jeffrey Legault, Leo Poggione, and William Freeborne were appointed to a second term; Rick Hanger is the newest member to serve on the MHCC. Richard Weinert was reappointed to serve as Chairman for the MHCC.

HUD expresses its appreciation to departing member Adam Rust (General Interest - Public Official category).

The biographies for the new and reappointed members of the MHCC are below. HUD looks forward to a strong and vital working relationship with you on the MHCC!

Richard Weinert – Chairman – General Interest – Public Official 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

Steven Anderson – User Category

Mr. Anderson is a retired appraiser with over 30 years experience. In his position with the County Assessors Office, he was involved with manufactured homes and manufactured home communities. Mr. Anderson is familiar with the basic elements of residential design and construction through personal experience and professional development. He was President of the Utah Manufactured Home Owners Association and currently resides in a modular home.

Ishbel Dickens – User Category

Ms. Dickens is the Executive Director of the Manufactured Home Owners Association of American (MHOAA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit national organization representing owners of manufactured housing. She previously served as a staff attorney for an organization in Washington State working as an advocate representing the interests of manufactured home owners.

Jeffery Legault – Producer Category

Mr. LeGault is a Professional Engineer for Skyline Homes in Elkhart, Indiana; has worked in the manufactured housing industry for over 20 years; and is knowledgeable about HUD design, construction and installation requirements. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Committee on Fire Criteria for Manufactured Home Installation, Sites and Communities, the NFPA Committee for Manufactured Home Standards, and the International Code Council.

Leo Poggione – Producer Category

Mr. Poggione is a retailer and President of Craftsman Homes, Inc. which has three locations in Nevada. He has experience as a contractor and installer of manufactured homes and has been active in the manufactured housing industry since 2001, when he served as Vice President of the Nevada Manufactured Housing Association.

William Freeborne – General Interest – Public Official Category

Mr. Freeborne served as a consultant for the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute Research Program. A registered Professional Engineer, Mr. Freeborne worked in HUD's Office of the Policy Development and Research where he developed relationships with other programs areas including manufactured housing and new housing technology. He is knowledgeable about HUD standards and regulations and maintains an interest in affordable housing.

Rick Hanger General Interest – Public Official Category

Mr. Hanger is currently the Manager of the Housing Technology and Standards Section, Department of Local Affairs in the Division of Housing in Colorado. He has served on several boards and committees including the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, the Colorado Association of Realtors Housing Opportunity Fund Board, and the Sun Power Consumer Board. In addition, he is also a member of the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the International Code Council (ICC).

Attention Manufacturers!



This is a reminder that all requests for AC renewals should be submitted **3 months prior** to the expiration date.

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.

If you have any questions about the AC program, please contact Pamela Beck Danner at pamela.b.danner@hud.gov or Victor Ferrante at victor.j.ferrante@hud.gov.

From the desk of the Administrator...

I am very pleased to be serving as the new Administrator of the Office of Manufactured Housing Programs and look forward to working with the various segments of the industry, our state partners, third party agencies, and the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee to better serve manufactured housing homeowners. In the upcoming months, my staff and I will try to better communicate with the Federal Manufactured Housing Program participants and the public. As part of this communication, it is our goal to maintain a more up-to-date website.

Two major manufactured housing program final rules have been issued: Subpart I and changes to the Standards.

The Subpart I final rule became effective on March 31, 2014. These “Subpart I” regulations establish a system of protections with respect to imminent safety hazards and violations of the federal construction and safety standards. They establish the procedures that manufacturers, retailers, SAAs, and PIAs are required to follow to assure that notification and correction are provided with respect to manufactured homes, when required. The new rule requires in Section 3282.366(b) that “At least monthly the plant’s IPIA will review the manufacturer’s service and inspection records to verify if appropriate determinations are being made by the manufacturer under 3282.404....”

The other major rule revises the federal standards to reflect changes to code standards adopted by private standard-setting organizations. This rule becomes effective June 9, 2014.

We are pleased that all vacancies on the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee have recently been filled and are working toward having a meeting of the full committee in the near future. Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Consensus Committee should be addressed to mhcc@hud.gov.

Manufactured housing is a critical component of new single family housing construction and of affordable housing in our nation. Therefore, I view the role of the Federal Manufactured Housing Program as very important. Please feel free to call or email our offices with your questions and concerns at mhs@hud.gov.



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