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GENERAL NEWS

REAC Posts Seven Updated NSPIRE Standards

This week HUD’s Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) announced that it has published updates to seven of its inspection standards under the new physical inspection model, National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE). The following standards were updated on April 18, 2022:

- [Call-for-Aid System Standard](#) (version 2.2)
- [Carbon Monoxide Alarm Standard](#) (version 2.2.1)
- [Door – Fire Labeled Standard](#) (version 2.2.1)
- [Exit Sign Standard](#) (version 2.2)
- [Fire Extinguisher Standard](#) (version 2.2)
- [Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning \(HVAC\) Standard](#) (version 2.2)
- [Mold-Like Substance Standard](#) (version 2.2)

All new standards are available on the [NSPIRE standards](#) webpage, and each one includes a summary of changes. [Previous versions](#) of the standards are also available. According to the announcement, as the NSPIRE demonstration continues through April 2023, the standards may be updated again before HUD implements the final NSPIRE rule. After implementation, HUD will review and revise the NSPIRE standards at least every three years through *Federal Register* notices. For questions, comments, or recommendations on the NSPIRE standards, please email NSPIREstandards@hud.gov or call the NSPIRE Information Center at 800-883-1448.

As you know, the NSPIRE demonstration was announced in 2019 to overhaul HUD’s inspection process and test new approaches for making certain PHAs and owners provide housing that is safe and livable. NSPIRE will eventually be implemented as a single inspection protocol for public housing and HCV units.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

PIH to Host Training Sessions on Completing Form SF-425

In an email sent Tuesday to PHAs via HUD’s Financial Management Division (FMD) mailing list, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) announced that it will be hosting two training sessions on completing the SF-425. The dates are as follows:

- [Tuesday, May 17, 2022](#), 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Eastern time
- [Wednesday, May 18, 2022](#), 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern time

Refer to the email for instructions on how to join the trainings. The email also attaches the instructions to complete the SF-425 and the OpFund web portal [SF-425 User Guide](#). HUD also published a [training video](#) for PHAs on how to submit the SF-425.

PHAs that received supplemental operating funds from the CARES Act are required to submit an SF-425 for each grant via the [OpFund web portal](#). Notice [PIH 2021-36](#) establishes HUD reporting requirements and provides guidance for the CARES Act grant. The SF-425 is due on **May 31, 2022**.



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