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TO: **Manufactured Home Manufacturers
Manufactured Home Dealers and Salespersons
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Department-Approved Third-Party Agencies (MH)
City and County Building Officials
Mobilehome Park Owners
Division Staff**

**SUBJECT: MANUFACTURED HOME, MOBILEHOME AND MULTIFAMILY
MANUFACTURED HOMES – FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

This Information Bulletin announces revisions to regulations applicable to the design and installation of fire sprinkler systems in manufactured homes (MH), mobilehomes and multifamily manufactured homes (MFMH). The revisions apply to all units constructed or altered on or after **March 12, 2011**, that contains a fire sprinkler system required by local ordinance or one that is owner-requested. The amended regulations:

- Clarify HCD's preemption of local government ordinances relating to the design and installation of fire sprinkler systems in MH and MFMH units.
- Provide a reference to Health and Safety Code, Section 18691 in the Mobilehome Parks Act, which provides specific limited ability and authority for local governments to enforce a locally adopted fire prevention code.
- Update the referenced National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13D standard from the 1999 edition to the 2010 edition.
- Require any person selling, renting, or leasing a MH, mobilehome, or MFMH to provide a disclosure notice stating that the installed fire sprinkler system will not operate properly unless the water pressure available at an installation site is adequate. It further requires the disclosure notice be provided and signed by a buyer prior to signing purchase documents.
- Updates information required on the "Fire Sprinkler System Information and Installer Certification" label referenced in the regulations.

The amended regulations may be reviewed at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/mhp/>. Any questions or concerns regarding the fire sprinkler system regulations should be directed to Kevin Cimini, Manufactured Housing Program Manager, at (916) 445-3338.

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