

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT****24 CFR Part 3280**

[Docket No. FR-4271-A-02]

RIN 2502-AH05

**Manufactured Home Construction and  
Safety Standards: Metal Roofing;  
Advance Notice of Proposed  
Rulemaking**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant  
Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing  
Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed  
rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, the Department is publishing an Interpretative Bulletin (IB) on roofing requirements for manufactured homes designed to be sited in high wind areas. That IB reiterates the Department's current policy as it addresses questions that have arisen concerning: Whether manufacturers that design their products using the wind pressures specified in a table in the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards must provide roof sheathing under metal roofing; and the appropriateness of the testing of metal roofing that has been done under current regulations. By this advance notice of proposed rulemaking, the Department is providing an opportunity for interested persons to make recommendations regarding any changes in the table with respect to

roofing requirements for manufactured homes designed to be sited in high wind areas. The Department will review any comments received in response to this advance notice and consider them in making a determination whether to revise the applicable Federal standards and regulations.

**DATES:** Comment Due Date: July 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this advance notice of proposed rulemaking to the Regulations Division, Room 10276, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Comments should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each comment submitted will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the above address. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David R. Williamson, Director, Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 9156, Washington, DC 20410, telephone: (202) 708-6401 (this is not a toll-free number). For hearing- and speech-impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY (text telephone) by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Prospective commenters should review Interpretative Bulletin I-2-98 published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** for an explanation of the Department's interpretation of the standard in 24 CFR 3280.305(c)(1)(ii)(B), which includes the Table of Design Wind Pressures ("Table"), as applied to metal roofing in wind zones II and III. In that IB, HUD interprets the standard to require every design for manufactured housing for high wind areas to include roof sheathing or alternative roof material that performs like sheathing in resisting the wind pressures specified in the Table, whenever the Table is used as the basis for qualifying the design.

If the Department receives or develops information that indicates the standard codified in 24 CFR 3280.305(c)(1)(ii)(B) should be revised, the Department may propose revisions for further review and public comment in subsequent rulemaking. To ensure that all interested parties are given access to any advice the Department receives on this subject, a public docket has been opened. Comments received in response to this advance notice will be included in the public docket for inspection and copying.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 3535(d) and 5424.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

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*Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Housing.*

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