

final products are relevant and useful to their audiences. Expert panels, including researchers and other subject matter experts, can also provide strategic guidance at key junctures over the course of the study. By incorporating a range of expertise and perspectives into the research and evaluation process, HUD ensures that resulting policy recommendations are actionable and reflect the GSS tenet of promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary research.

Once research is complete, ensuring its relevance and utility requires sharing findings with the public and key stakeholders in an accessible manner. HUD seeks to disseminate research and evaluation findings in ways that are useful to policymakers, practitioners, and communities affected by HUD programs and policies. This includes providing policy briefs, infographics, webinars, and/or stakeholder briefings to complement traditional research and evaluation reports.

Transparency

HUD strives for transparency in all phases of the research process. Each year, HUD communicates its research agenda through the annual Agency Evidence Plan.⁷ When it undertakes a methodologically complex project, HUD will publish the research design to provide transparency to the research community and ensure that the researchers are accountable to the original design, explaining any deviations if necessary. Requirements for researchers regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in producing or informing evaluation findings and regarding the disclosure of AI use in published reports are communicated through grant agreements, contract documents, or publication guidelines.

To the extent possible, HUD shares all interim and final reports within six months of completion and typically permits contractors to publish their findings within six months of the contract ending (if HUD has not already published them). Reports must present comprehensive results (including favorable, unfavorable, and null findings) and clearly communicate caveats and areas of uncertainty, reinforcing the GSS tenet of accepting negative results as positive outcomes.

To aid in the replication and verification of findings, HUD publishes final datasets, analytic code, and model documentation to the extent feasible. HUD also archives administrative and

evaluation data for secondary use by interested researchers where possible, including working with the U.S. Census Bureau to store datasets from major research studies. External researchers may access these data through data licenses, data use agreements, inter-agency agreements, and/or formal research agreements with relevant entities. These practices support the GSS tenets of reproducibility and transparency.

Independence and Objectivity

Independence and objectivity are core principles of evaluation. HUD seeks input into its research agenda from a broad range of stakeholders and conducts most of its research and evaluation through competitively awarded grants and contracts with external experts. Reflecting the GSS tenet of unbiased peer review, HUD ensures all sponsored research and evaluation projects are conducted without undue influence, including the appearance or reality of bias. All applicants must document that they are free from conflicts of interest related to the research subject. During the application review process, HUD reviewers also disclose any conflicts of interest with applicants and recuse themselves if a conflict exists, consistent with the GSS tenet of science without conflicts of interest. Once a study is underway, HUD staff and expert panel members review study designs and findings for objectivity.

Ethics

HUD-sponsored evaluations must be conducted in an ethical manner and safeguard the dignity, rights, safety, and privacy of participants. Evaluations must comply with relevant regulations, such as those governing human subjects research. HUD is a signatory to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects, generally known as the "Common Rule." 24 CFR part 60 includes its own requirements for protecting the privacy of human research subjects.⁸ In addition, PD&R protects the privacy of individuals through the Rule of Eleven,⁹ which prohibits disaggregated disclosure of data for any group of individuals or households numbering less than eleven. The Rule of Eleven applies to all research conducted by PD&R staff, contractors, grantees, or data license recipients.

HUD does not tolerate plagiarism, fabrication, or deliberate mischaracterization of data by staff, contractors, grantees, or data licensees engaged in any evaluation activity. In all cases, HUD expects evaluations and studies to reflect the expertise and original thought of the researchers.

Application of these Principles to Economic Analysis of Regulations

Economic analysis of both existing and proposed regulations, properly conducted, is a critical tool in improving public policy. Economists at HUD rely on the insights, data, and empirical estimates from rigorous program evaluations when predicting the economic impact of an incremental change to the program. In any HUD regulatory impact analysis:

- HUD analyzes whether the issues addressed by the regulation stem from a market failure, government failure, or other systemic problem, and whether the regulation addresses the root causes of those problems.
- HUD uses and as necessary produces the best objective estimates of the benefits, costs, and transfers resulting from the regulation, taking into account gaps and uncertainties in the available data and methodologies.
- HUD assesses the economic benefits, costs, and transfers of proposed regulatory actions as required by Executive Order 12866.¹⁰
- Where clear alternatives to the regulatory actions exist, HUD objectively estimates, where feasible, the benefits, costs, and transfers of those alternatives as well.

Reid Wilson,

Deputy Chief of Staff, performing the Delegable Duties of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6619-N-01]

Notice of Informal Presentation of Views

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

¹⁰ See <https://www.archives.gov/files/federal-register/executive-orders/pdf/12866.pdf> for the original order, and see <https://www.federalregister.gov/presidential-documents/executive-orders/william-j-clinton/1993> for citations of, and links to, other executive orders that amended or supplemented this order.

⁷ The Evidence Plan and related documents can be found at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/about/pdr_agenda.html.

⁸ <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?n=pt24.1.60>.

⁹ <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/PDR-Privacy-Rule-of-Eleven.pdf>.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD will gather information through a written Informal Presentation of Views to allow the Secretary to reach a fully informed decision on whether to suspend or revoke Scott Wiegand's installer's license.

DATES: *Close of Written Informal Presentation of Views:* The deadline for receiving documentary evidence is October 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit documentary evidence, including written statements or submissions of supporting documentation, regarding this Notice. Please submit all written documentation to the Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St. SW, Room 9252, Washington, DC 20410. Digital statements and documentation can be sent by email to mhs@hud.gov with the docket number included in the heading. Each document that is submitted in this proceeding must display on the front page the document number of this proceeding, "EB-IP2026-01" on the front page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angelo Wallace, Civil (Structural) Engineer, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs; telephone: 202-402-3848; email address:

Angelo.M.Wallace@hud.gov. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as from individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit: www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Statutory and Regulatory Background**

The Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("Secretary") administers the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.*) (the Act). Under this authority, the Secretary administers the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (24 CFR part 3280) and the Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations (24 CFR part 3282), as well as the Manufactured Home Installation Program that includes licensure of installers in HUD-Administered states (24 CFR part 3286). The Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations prescribe procedures for the enforcement of the Secretary's administration of these standards.

Under 24 CFR 3286.209(b), the Secretary may suspend or revoke an installation license for, among other things, failing to comply with the requirements of 24 CFR parts 3285 and 3286, failing to take appropriate actions upon a failed inspection, and engaging in poor workmanship as evidenced by installing one or more homes that fail to meet the requirements of 24 CFR 3286.107.

II. Informal Presentation of Views for Mr. Wiegand

Scott Wiegand is currently licensed to install manufactured homes in HUD-Administered states with installer's license #IL20160193. The Office of Manufactured Housing Programs received multiple consumer complaints regarding manufactured home installations performed by Mr. Wiegand. An investigation showed that at least eight manufactured homes installed in Mays Landing, New Jersey, by Mr. Wiegand failed to comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions and the Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards (24 CFR part 3285). Further, although given multiple opportunities to correct these failures, the installations remain deficient.

In accordance with 24 CFR 3286.209(b), on November 24, 2025, the Secretary notified Mr. Wiegand of the intent to revoke his installer's license. On December 1, 2025, Mr. Wiegand responded stating that he disagrees with this determination. HUD construes this letter as a request for a presentation of views because Mr. Wiegand submitted a statement and documentation with his original letter.

Upon consideration of the factors identified in 24 CFR 3282.152(c)(4), the Secretary has determined that the Informal Presentation of Views will be held in accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR 3282.152(f). The parties involved in this proceeding are Scott Wiegand and the Secretary.

Jason McJury is hereby designated as the presiding officer for all proceedings. Mr. McJury is the Deputy Administrator for HUD's Office of Manufactured Housing Programs. Inquiries should be directed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above. All submissions will be taken in writing and considered by the presiding officer. The presiding officer will review written statements and documentary evidence as soon as practicable following the closing date of this notice. As provided for by 24 CFR 3282.153, interested persons may participate in the Informal Presentation of Views by presenting documentary evidence regarding this Notice to the address

identified above or by sending digital statements and documentation to the email address identified above.

Janet Golrick,

Director, National Disaster Coordinator, Performing the Delegable Duties of the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Housing.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1453]

Certain Boiler Protection for Absorption Refrigeration Systems and Components Thereof; Notice of the Commission's Final Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a General Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has found a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, in this investigation and has issued a general exclusion order ("GEO") prohibiting the importation of certain boiler protection for absorption refrigeration systems and components thereof that infringe claims 1, 4, 6, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 8,056,360 ("the '360 patent"), and cease and desist orders ("CDOs") against the defaulting respondents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Panyin A. Hughes, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3042. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted the investigation on June 18, 2025, based on a complaint, as supplemented, filed by Complainants