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UPDATE ON ARIZONA'S NEW INSTALLATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

January 1, 2009 is the effective date of the new Installation Program for Arizona. Due to recent inquiries and a discussion with licensees and the industry, please note the following exceptions/clarifications which are all **effective today, January 30, 2009.**

- Frost depth installation requirements – ***continue to install and inspect to the requirements in place prior to January 1, 2009***
- Galvanized anchoring and pier components – ***continue to install and inspect allowing the use of NON-GALVANIZED materials.*** HUD announced a review committee assigned to research this topic.
- Crowning underneath the home is required as part of soil preparation – ***Exception: homes installed in Mobile Home Parks.***
- Power to the site can be turned on by the local utility provider once all utilities have been approved by a State Installation Inspector, as evidenced by a "green-tag."
- Site-specific design plan for "sheet" flood zones – ***The Department is working with an Arizona Registered Engineer to design typical installation drawings by region that will be stamped as "approved" by the State and may be used instead of a site-specific plan for each home. Until those typical installation drawings are received from the Engineer and approved by the State, homes situated in sheet flood zones will comply with the flood zone requirements as defined by the local flood zoning entity. Homes sites situated in other types of flood zone classifications, will require a site-specific design plan for installation.***

The remaining changes communicated as part of the new Arizona Installation Program were effective January 1, 2009 and are summarized below:

1. Soil Compaction and Proper Drainage to prepare home sites for installation
2. Anchoring required for ALL homes
3. Utility Testing for ALL homes
4. On-going Training and Education required
5. Installations may only be performed by licensed installers or ROC contractors
6. Homes with purchase contracts signed by both Parties prior to December 31, 2008 are installed to the requirements in place ***prior*** to the new Arizona Installation Program.