
(2) The certification is applicable to the 5-Year Plan and the Annual Plan.

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§ 903.15 What is the relationship of the public housing agency plans to the Consolidated Plan and a PHA’s Fair Housing Requirements?

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(c) Fair housing requirements. A PHA is obligated to affirmatively further fair housing in its operating policies, procedures, and capital activities. All admission and occupancy policies for public housing and Section 8 tenant-based housing programs must comply with Fair Housing Act requirements and other civil rights laws and regulations and with a PHA’s plans to affirmatively further fair housing. The PHA may not impose any specific income or racial quotas for any development or development.

(1) Nondiscrimination. A PHA must carry out its PHA Plan in conformity with the nondiscrimination requirements in Federal civil rights laws, including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Fair Housing Act. A PHA may not assign housing to persons in a particular section of a community or to a development or building based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin for purposes of segregating populations.

(2) Affirmatively furthering fair housing. A PHA’s policies should be designed to reduce the concentration of tenants and other assisted persons by race, national origin, and disability. Any affirmative steps or incentives a PHA plans to take must be stated in the admission policy.

(i) HUD regulations provide that PHAs must take steps to affirmatively further fair housing. PHA policies should include affirmative steps to overcome the effects of discrimination and the effects of conditions that resulted in limiting participation of persons because of their race, national origin, disability, or other protected class.

(ii) Such affirmative steps may include, but are not limited to, marketing efforts, use of nondiscriminatory tenant selection and assignment policies that lead to desegregation, additional applicant consultation and information, provision of additional supportive services and amenities to a development (such as supportive services that enable an individual with a disability to transfer from an institutional setting into the community), and engagement in ongoing coordination with state and local disability agencies to provide additional community-based housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and to connect such individuals with supportive services to enable an individual with a disability to transfer from an institutional setting into the community.

(3) Validity of certification. (i) A PHA’s certification under § 903.7(o) will be subject to challenge by HUD where it appears that a PHA:

(A) Fails to meet the affirmatively furthering fair housing requirements at 24 CFR 5.150 through 5.152

(B) Takes action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing; or

(C) Fails to meet the fair housing, civil rights, and affirmatively furthering fair housing requirements in 24 CFR 903.7(o).

(ii) If HUD challenges the validity of a PHA’s certification, HUD will do so in writing specifying the deficiencies, and will give the PHA an opportunity to respond to the particular challenge in writing. In responding to the specified deficiencies, a PHA must establish, as applicable, that it has complied with fair housing and civil rights laws and regulations, or has remedied violations of fair housing and civil rights laws and regulations, and has adopted policies and undertaken actions to affirmatively further fair housing, including, but not limited to, providing a full range of housing opportunities to applicants and tenants in a nondiscriminatory manner. In responding to the PHA, HUD may accept the PHA’s explanation and withdraw the challenge, undertake further investigation, or pursue other remedies available under law. HUD will seek to obtain voluntary corrective action consistent with the specified deficiencies. In determining whether a PHA has complied with its certification, HUD will review the PHA’s circumstances relevant to the specified deficiencies, including characteristics of the population served by the PHA;
language contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and includes a minor change to the CFR to rearrange the location of the entry for Maine’s previously approved Chapter 166 regulation.

DATES: This rule is effective on June 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket Identification No. EPA–R01–OAR–2020–0327. All documents in the docket are listed on the https://www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available at https://www.regulations.gov or at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region 1 Regional Office, Air and Radiation Division, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109—3912, tel. (617) 918–1660, email garcia.ariel@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR doc. 2021–06237 at 86 FR 26181 in the issue of May 13, 2021, the following corrections to the regulatory text are made:

§ 52.1019 [Corrected]
1. On page 26182, in the third column, in § 52.1019, in amendment 2, add the section heading immediately following the instruction to read as follows:

“§ 52.1019 Identification of plan-conditional approval.”

§ 52.1020 [Corrected]
2. On page 26183, in the third column, in § 52.1020, in amendment 3, correct the instruction to read as follows:

“3. In § 52.1020(c) amend the table by:
   a. Revising the entry for “Chapter 110”;
   b. Adding entries for “38 MRSA § 341–A(3)(D)” and “38 MRSA § 341–C(2) and 341–C(8)” following the entry for “38 MRSA Section 341–C(7)”.

   The revisions and additions read as follows:”

3. On page 26183, in the first column, in § 52.1020, in amendment 4, correct the instruction to read as follows:

“4. In § 52.1020(e), amend the table by adding entries for “Submittal to meet Clean Air Act Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard”; “Conflict of Interest Statute”; and “Negative declaration for the 2016 Control Techniques Guideline for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards” at the end of the table, to read as follows:”

Dated: June 2, 2021.

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