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Missouri RD AN No. 1408 (1924)

March 26, 2003

TO: All Rural Development Employees

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SUBJECT: Rural Development Development Standards for
Multi-Family Housing

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

Changes in the 1983 Housing and Urban/Rural Recovery Act have mandated that Rural Development in each State replace the Minimum Property Standards (MPS), where there is no acceptable state code, with the most prevalent and appropriate building code.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN replaces Missouri AN 1392 (1924) dated April 3, 2003.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

The State Director has adopted the following codes for the construction, modification and repair of all applicable Multi-Family Housing units and related facilities:

- (a) Building Systems: International Building Code, 2000 Edition including all State/National amendments.
- (b) Plumbing Systems: International Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition including all State/National amendments.

EXPIRATION DATE:
March 26, 2004

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Preceding
Rural Development Inst. 1924-A

(c) Mechanical Systems: International Mechanical Code 2000 Edition including all State/National amendments.

(d) Electrical Systems: National Electrical Code, (NEC) 1999 Edition (NFPA 70-1999), published by the National Fire Protection Association including all State/National amendments.

Final plan reviews after March 26, 2003 will be reviewed for compliance with the 2000 editions of the International Building, Plumbing and Mechanical Codes and the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70-1999), the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, and ADAAG Standards as applicable.