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New Inspection Guidelines-NSPIRE New Inspection Guidelines - NSPIRE

Dear Housing Participants/Landlords/Property Managers,

This letter is to inform you of the Housing Choice Voucher Program new inspection protocol that will be used in assessing the quality of housing in Baytown Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. October 1, 2023, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the Economic Growth Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act: Implementation of National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE). NSPIRE will replace HQS October 1, 2025, introducing a new framework for evaluating deficiencies. These changes are designed to enhance housing quality while providing clear guidelines for compliance.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac/nspire/notices

NSPIRE strengthens HUD's physical condition standards and improves HUD oversight by aligning and consolidating the inspection regulations used to evaluate HUD housing as defined in 24 CFR 5.701(c). Implementation of NSPIRE ensures that residents of HUD housing live in safe, habitable dwellings. It also ensures that the items and components located both inside and outside, and within the units of HUD housing are functionally adequate, operable, and free of health and safety hazards. The Baytown Housing Authority understands the change may be challenging and is committed to our participants, landlords and property managers in transitioning into NSPIRE. For more NSPIRE information visit.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/reac/nspire

<https://www.hud.gov/reac/nspire-standards>

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