



The Federal Monitor

The Federal Monitor

News of Issues Affecting Tribes and Tribal Housing Programs

Volume 7, No. 9
July 23, 2007

A publication of
the NATIONAL
AMERICAN
INDIAN
HOUSING
COUNCIL

National American Indian Housing Council

NAIHC, a not-for-profit organization, assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their self-determined goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native Villages.

Office of Governmental Affairs

50 F Street NW
Suite 3300
Washington DC
20001

Ph:(202)789-1754
Fax:(202)789-1758

Wendy Helgemo
Director

www.naihc.net

FEMA MOBILE HOMES GOING TO INDIAN COUNTRY ARE NOT THE SAME MODELS AS THOSE FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH FORMALDEHYDE

The 2000 unused FEMA mobile homes that are slated to go to Indian Country are not the *travel trailers*, which were the subject of a congressional hearing and recent press regarding formaldehyde. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) is pressing federal agencies for clarification on further testing for contamination.

Under a new law, proposed by Senator Johnson, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Government Services Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have been working on a plan to implement the disposition of unused emergency housing from Hurricane Katrina to Indian Country. The mobile homes will be free of charge, but tribes have to transport, set up and retrofit them, and Indian Housing Block Grant dollars may be used to pay for eligible costs (Contact your Area ONAP office for details). The BIA is currently in the process of allocating FEMA mobile homes to tribes.

The mobile homes made available to tribal governments are oversized units, ranging in size from 14 X 64 to 16 X 84, were manufactured in 2004 and 2005, were purchased from many different dealers and will vary in specifications. Most of the homes were manufactured by Cavalier, Fleetwood, Giles, Clayton, Southern Energy, Skyline and Palm Harbor. The mobile homes are anywhere from 1 to 4 bedrooms, but the vast majority of them are 3 bedroom units.



mobile home



travel trailer

For More Information, See

See Senator Tim Johnson's "Dear FEMA Letter" and press release at:
<http://johnson.senate.gov/record.cfm?id=279300>

For More Background: See

Federal Monitor Volume 7, No. 8 (June 29, 2007) here:

http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000001352/Fed_Mon_Vol_7_No_8.pdf

Federal Monitor Volume 6, No. 5 (October 17, 2006) here:

<http://www.naihc.net/NAIHC/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000000984/101706-fed-monitor.pdf>