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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

TO:

State Office

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STATE PROCEDURE

NOTICE

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT MANUAL CHANGE

PA Instruction 1924-A

CONSTRUCTION CODE as the RD Development Standard to be used for USDA/Rural Development Housing Programs in the State of Pennsylvania. This also includes adoption of the PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE for use with existing Single Family Housing on which RD loans are to be made.

GENERAL - Adoption of the PA UNIFORM

REMOVE:

PA PN #280 dated April 9, 2004

INSERT:

**PA PN # 281 dated May 19, 2004
following RD Instruction 1924-A**

1924.5 (d) Construction

1924.5 (d) (1) (i) (E) (1) The following standards are adopted by the USDA/Rural Development in Pennsylvania for the construction, modification and repair of all applicable rural housing units and related facilities:

(i) Single Family Housing (New Construction):

- a. Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Systems: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (IRC) FOR ONE- & TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, Current Edition adopted by PA, published by the International Code Council, Inc., except as may be superseded by Rural Development Regulations.
- b. Energy Standards: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (IRC) FOR ONE- & TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, Current Edition adopted by PA, published by the International Code Council, Inc., **OR** the "PA Alternative Residential Energy Provisions" issued February 2003 by the PA Housing Research Center (PHRC).

(ii) Single Family Housing (Existing Structures):

- a. Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Systems: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, Current Edition adopted by PA, **AND** the INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, Current Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., except as may be superseded by Rural Development Regulations. All new construction, additions, and/or repairs shall conform to Paragraph (i) a. above.
- b. Energy Standards: RD Instruction 1924-A, Exhibit D, "Thermal Performance Construction Standards." All new construction, additions, and/or repairs shall conform to Paragraph (i) b. above.

(iii) Multi-Family Housing:

- a. Building Systems: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (IBC), Current Edition adopted by PA, published by the International Code Council, Inc., except as may be superseded by Rural Development Regulations. (Includes Thermal/Energy Standards)

- b. Mechanical Systems: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, Current Edition adopted by PA, published by the International Code Council, Inc., except as may be superseded by Rural Development Regulations.
- c. Plumbing Systems: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE, Current Edition adopted by PA, published by the International Code Council, Inc., except as may be superseded by Rural Development Regulations.
- d. Electrical Systems: PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC), i.e., NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NFPA 70), Current Edition adopted by PA, published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.