



National Fenestration Rating Council

# Bulletin

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The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) has been meeting with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss the role of and impact that fenestration can have on a building's energy efficiency and energy use. Among the topics discussed has been how fenestration products can impact manufactured housing.

In a new Proposed Rule titled "[Energy Conservation Standards for Manufactured Housing](#)," the DOE requests public comment, providing an opportunity for the fenestration industry to add their comments and concerns to the requirements being proposed.

Of particular interest are the fenestration-related definitions (U-factor, solar heat gain coefficient [SHGC], etc.), the sections on the building thermal envelope, whether the standard should be prescriptive (establishing specific construction U-factor, SHGC values, for example) or performance-based (allowing flexibility in materials but the overall thermal performance is specified), and more.

The DOE is seeking any comments, data, or information that would affect the standards by August 16, 2016. Information on providing comments is included in the paper. There will also be a public meeting on July 13, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

"Though NFRC represents the fenestration industry as a non-biased, independent source for the DOE throughout the year, proposals such as this provide an opportunity for the entire industry to voice their comments and concerns," said John D'Anna, NFRC Business Development Manager. "Part of our representation includes notifying our stakeholders on industry news and developments that have a direct impact on their businesses."

NFRC will continue conversations with DOE in relation to manufactured homes, commercial construction, and any other area that is influenced by the efficiency of fenestration products.

For more information on NFRC's relationship with DOE, or to develop or strengthen a relationship with another organization, please contact [John D'Anna](#) at 240-821-9502.

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